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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012917 - Postural tachycardia syndrome

I would like to know the number of POTS (postural tachycardia syndrome) cases the hospital (Russell's Hall) had dealt with annually, over the last three years.

Financial Year Count

2013/14 09

2014/15 14

2015/16 18

The Trust has run the query against the Admitted Patient Care for the Periods April-March 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16. We have searched for patients with the ICD-10 diagnosis code "I498", which is "Other specified cardiac arrhythmias". There is not a specific code for POTS, so we may be including other conditions in this result.

I would like to know why there is not sufficient cardiology support to discharge a patient under a named cardiologist at the hospital.

There is sufficient Cardiology support to discharge a patient under a named cardiologist

I would like to know the period of time patients have then had to wait, after discharge, before they are seen (follow up) in another hospital, by another specialist.

This is not something the Trust can answer, this is about follow up at other hospitals after being discharged from Russells Hall Hospital

I would like to know what guidelines there are in place, within the cardiology department for giving patients written dietary, and exercise advise for when they returns home, and why no pamphlets etc are given out

British Heart Foundation booklets are available in the day room for all patients to access and the Action Heart team and volunteers visit the Cardiology ward regularly.