

Date: 17/05/2017

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013419 – Delayed transfer of care

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the Acute Trust:

**DTOC and Self-Funding Patients**

**1. How many self-funding adult social care patients waiting for placements causing DTOCs in 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017 to date?**

Dates	Total number of patients
2015-2016	51
2016-2017	98
2017 (to the end of April)	14

**2. Are there currently any care home placements and / or care package brokerage services being offered to the self-funders at the moment?**

For care home placements including self-funders we offer the service of Care Home Selection. This is a hospital commissioned service that will support families and patients in the search for a care home of choice. This is of no cost to the service user but does need consent from the user. Patients who are self-funding a package of care are not offered a brokerage service. Social Services provide a brokerage service for their own clients. Social Services may consider supporting patients and families who are unable to search for a care home themselves.

**MH / Alcohol Related A&E Admissions**

**1. How many Alcohol and Mental Health A&E admissions and related occupied bed days**

Please see tables below

**2. And total cost for this**

The Trust’s patient level costing system is still being implemented so we would not be able to provide costed data at a patient level for the purposes of this request

**A&E Attendances**

Year	2015	2016	2017 to March
<b>Total</b>	<b>3120</b>	<b>3669</b>	<b>913</b>

**Admitted via A&E**

Year	2015	2016	2017 to March
<b>Total</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>160</b>

**Hospital Admission**

Year	2015	2016	2017 to March
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<b>Total</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>130</b>
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#### Bed Days

Year	2015	2016	2017 to March
<b>Total</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>244</b>

#### Notes:

A&E Attendances are for DELIBERATE SELF HARM, INGESTION (+ ALCOHOL), PSYCHIATRIC.

Admitted via A&E is a subset of the cohort of patients in table one, they may not have necessarily been admitted with a mental health diagnosis.

Hospital Admissions is all patients with a primary diagnosis of mental health in the first admitting episode as an emergency admission.

Alcohol related admissions may not have a primary diagnosis that is attributed to alcohol and is therefore not as easy to identify.

### 3. Is there an Alcohol Nurse Liaison service available at the hospital

The Trust does not have an alcohol liaison nurse; support is via Crisis Team in ED. The Trust has access to the Drug and Alcohol Liaison Team (DALT).

#### Acute Bed Days DTOCs

##### 1. What is the average cost of an acute hospital bed in your NHS Trust

Approx £277 per day in 16/17

##### 2. The gross cost to the Trust due to delayed transfers of care (DTOC) (before taking into account reimbursements from local authorities).

Approx £4.834m in 16/17

##### 3. The gross cost to the Trust due to delayed transfers of care where Social Care was responsible for the delay (before taking into account reimbursements from local authorities).

Approx £2.452m in 16/17

##### 4. The total sum received from local authorities in reimbursements for delayed transfers of care.

No sums have yet been received

##### 5. How many bed days were lost as a result of delayed transfers of care in your NHS Trust for the years 2014/2015, 2015/2016 & 2016 /2017

This information is available by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/delayed-transfers-of-care/2016-17-data/>

Then select the year of interest from the left hand column –

## Statistical work areas

Delayed Transfers of Care

Delayed Transfers of Care  
Data 2010-11

Delayed Transfers of Care  
Data 2011-12

Delayed Transfers of Care  
Data 2012-13

Delayed Transfers of Care  
Data 2013-14

Delayed Transfers of Care  
Data 2014-15

Delayed Transfers of Care  
Data 2015-16

**Delayed Transfers of Care  
Data 2016-17**

Once you have selected the year, choose 'Snapshot Trust.....' -  
Then from the tabs at the bottom of the page select Trust – by responsible org

**6. What is the longest time (in days) one patient has been a delayed transfer of care ( DTOC) in your NHS Trust for the years 2014/2015 2015/2016 2016/2017**

**7. In each case, please provide the age of the patient and reason for the delay and responsible CCG/local authority.**

**8. What is the longest time in ( in days ) one patient has been a delayed transfer of care awaiting further assessment in your NHS Trust for the years 2014/2015 2015/2016 2016/2017.**

**9. In each case, please provide the age of the patient and responsible CCG/ Local authority**

**10. Has the Trust ever taken legal action to remove a patient whose transfer of care was delayed? a) If so please provide details of when and the reason for delay in transfer of care and responsible CCG/local authority**

In response to questions 6 – 10 above, The Trust feels that by releasing the information requested patients could potentially be identified in the public domain so to avoid any harm or distress the Trust is unable to release this information (FOI exemption section 40, personal information).

The Trust publishes its monthly delayed discharges of care on the Department of Health website under the following link:-

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/delayed-transfers-of-care>

Once into the link select which year you wish to see the information for then select your preferred month. Choose Total Delayed Days Trust 2014-2015.

Open the document. At the bottom of the spread sheet you will see some tabs. Choose Trust by reason  
Also go to the disclosure log on the Trust website <http://dudleygroup.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log> in the search box type in 013377 and 013164 to see previous requests and responses.

## Contact Details

### 1. Discharge and DTOC lead within the Trust

Discharge Coordinator Tel: 01384 456111 Ext 5612

### 2. Alcohol Liaison Service –

The Trust does not have an alcohol liaison nurse; support is via Crisis Team in ED.

The Trust can also contact the Drug and Alcohol Liaison Team (DALT). DALT are not based at Russells Hall Hospital but have an office base at:

Substance Misuse Team Atlantic Recovery Centre Dudley Road Lye DY9 8EL