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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 014782 – Homelessness

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I have the following questions about the support offered to homeless patients who attend your organisation.

1. How many attendances to your organisation were coded as NFA (no fixed address) per year in 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018?

- Please go to the disclosure log on the Trust website <http://www.dgft.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/> and in the search box type in 014600

Please note if the Trust's system has 'no fixed address/abode' this does not necessarily mean a person is homeless.

2. Does your organisation have :-

(a) a documented pathway for supporting homeless patients; - The Trust has a pathway in place with Dudley Local Authority, pathway attached, we also have an agreed housing referral from hospital

or (b) a housing officer - The Trust does not have a housing officer on site however we have a key contact at Dudley Local Authority homeless team (or similar);

or (c) a supply of clean clothes to offer homeless people? - Yes The Trust has a clothes bank on site for men/women and children. If yes to (a), (b), or (c) please provide details.

3. How many patient referrals to a local housing authority under the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 has your organisation made since 1 October 2018? - The Trust does not have this data however Dudley Local Authority will

4. What is your organisation doing, or planning to do, to support homeless patients or to comply with the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017? - The Trust has a new pathway in place to support patients who need accommodation from hospital, we also have a key contact in the homelessness team to support housing from hospital. Members of the Trust sit on the Housing & Health Group with Dudley Local Authority to ensure processes and pathways are in place.