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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

Please include the following information for each of the following financial years; 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23:

- **What are the conditions that class as “unsuitable housing’ or ‘clinically vulnerable’ pertaining to patients that require NHS safe places? Unsuitable housing leading to the provision of safe houses. Refers to the conditions that means social services must be called as referred to in this article. <https://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/news/safe-place-patients-who-are-homeless-after-hospital-stay>**
- **How many cases of this have been reported each year?**
- **How many days did each patient stay?**
- **What were the reasons for their stay?**
- **How much did it cost to keep each patient?**
- **What was the reason for each patients’ discharge?**

Response

<p>Q1. What are the conditions that class as “unsuitable housing’ or ‘clinically vulnerable’ pertaining to patients that require NHS safe places? Unsuitable housing leading to the provision of safe houses. Refers to the conditions that means social services must be called as referred to in this article. https://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/news/safe-place-patients-who-are-homeless-after-hospital-stay</p>	<p>Unsuitable housing or homelessness would be considered if your home doesn’t meet your health or disability needs despite adaptation.</p>						
<p>Q2. How many cases of this have been reported each year?</p>	<p>2020 – 2021 = 39</p> <p>2021 – 2022 = 75</p> <p>2022 – 2023 = 76</p>						
<p>Q3. How many days did each patient stay?</p>	<p>Please see attached Excel Spreadsheet.</p>						
<p>Q4. What were the reasons for their stay?</p>	<table border="1" data-bbox="1452 778 2056 1212"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1452 778 1754 922">2020 – 2021</td> <td data-bbox="1754 778 2056 922">Homelessness, unsuitable accommodation.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1452 922 1754 1066">2021 – 2022</td> <td data-bbox="1754 922 2056 1066">Homelessness, unsuitable accommodation.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1452 1066 1754 1212">2022 – 2023</td> <td data-bbox="1754 1066 2056 1212">Homelessness, unsuitable accommodation.</td> </tr> </table>	2020 – 2021	Homelessness, unsuitable accommodation.	2021 – 2022	Homelessness, unsuitable accommodation.	2022 – 2023	Homelessness, unsuitable accommodation.
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<p>Q5. How much did it cost to keep each patient?</p>	<p>This information is not collected in sufficient granular detail by patient; therefore, we are unable to answer this question as we</p>						

do not hold the information you have requested in a reportable format. The Trust has applied Regulation 12 (4)(a)

Q6. What was the reason for each patients' discharge?

<p>2020 – 2021</p>	<p>All patients listed were deemed clinically well enough to leave the hospital and appropriate accommodation/care and support were in place.</p>
<p>2021 – 2022</p>	<p>All patients listed were deemed clinically well enough to leave the hospital and appropriate accommodation/care and support were in place.</p>
<p>2022 – 2023</p>	<p>All patients listed were deemed clinically well enough to leave the hospital and appropriate accommodation/care</p>

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If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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