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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

- 1. How many people over the age of 65 were admitted to your hospital(s) as an unplanned (emergency) admission who were usually resident in a care home or a nursing home. Please break down by years and if possible whether it was a care home or a nursing home.*
- 2. Of those people from Q1 how many safeguarding reports were made about concerns around the patients welfare? ie abuse or neglect? Please breakdown by years and if possible, breakdown the type of safeguarding referral by category ie abuse, neglect.*
- 3. Of those people from Q1 how many were recorded as either malnourished or dehydrated. (not necessarily their primary reason for being admitted). Please break down by years and if possible whether they were malnourished or dehydrated or both.*
- 4. Of those people from Q2 how many were recorded as being admitted due to being malnourished or dehydrated (their primary reason for being admitted). Please break down by years and if possible whether they were malnourished or dehydrated or both.*
- 5. Of those people from Q2 (recorded as dehydrated or malnourished) how many safeguarding concerns were made about the patient? Please break down by years.*

Response

Please note as per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved and cause distress to Families or Friends. Numbers are less than 5, therefore, Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.

Patients who reside in 'Residential', 'Rest' and 'Retirement' Homes have been included within the 'Care Home' figures and where a home is identified as Nursing and Residential, the figures have been included within Nursing home figures. All admissions for the dates requested have been included rather than distinct Patient Identifier, we have highlighted both of these points on the relevant questions.

1. ('Residential', 'Rest' and 'Retirement' Homes have been included within the 'Care Home' figures. Where the home is Nursing and residential, figures have been included under 'Nursing Home'. All admissions have been included rather than the count of distinct Patient Identifier)

	2021	2022	2023	2024 (to 31.08.24)
Care Home	733	672	796	509
Nursing Home	438	402	431	285

2. (All admissions have been included rather than the count of distinct Patient Identifier)

	2021	2022	2023	2024 (to 31.08.24)
Drug / alcohol / neglect	< 5	< 5	< 5	
At risk of financial abuse		< 5		
Delay in seeking medical advice			< 5	
Suspected victim of physical abuse			< 5	
Self Neglect				< 5
At risk of institutional abuse				< 5

3. (All admissions have been included rather than the count of distinct Patient Identifier)

	2021	2022	2023	2024 (to 31.08.24)
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Malnourished	< 5	< 5	< 5	0
Dehydrated	47	70	78	46
Both	0	0	0	0

4. (All admissions have been included rather than the count of distinct Patient Identifier)

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Malnourished	0	0	0	0
Dehydrated	0	0	< 5	0
Both	0	0	0	0

5. Please break down by years.

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of safeguarding concerns	0	0	< 5	0

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.

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113
www.ico.org.uk

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

Yours sincerely

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