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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014719 – Palliative care

I would like to obtain the following information:

1. In the year of 2018, how many patients admitted to the hospitals within your trust over the age of 75 were placed on palliative care?  
- 476 patients received Specialist Palliative care in that period (please note this is patients and not admissions)
2. In the year of 2018, how many patients admitted to the hospitals within your trust over the age of 75 that were placed on palliative care passed away?  
- 406 of the above patients have passed away. Of the 406 that subsequently died, 247 died in hospital in that spell, 8 had a subsequent hospital spell and died, 151 did not die in hospital
3. In the year of 2018, patients admitted to the hospitals within your trust over the age of 75 that were placed on palliative care who passed away – what were the original admissions/diagnosis' of these patients?  
- This is too granular and would possibly be patient identifiable.
4. When did your trust stop using the Liverpool Care Pathway guidelines?  
- September 2013
5. In the year of 2018, how many patients admitted to the hospitals within your trust over the age of 75 were placed on an end of life care plan, that followed the guidelines of NICE?  
  
- A communication document to use in the final days/hours of life has been developed following the 5 Priorities for care and NICE guidelines. Furthermore, it has taken time to develop metrics with regards to use of this document which commenced in November 2018 on the ward dashboard. This is currently being reviewed by an external auditor to ensure that the data is accurate. We are therefore, not able to supply data for 2018 in view of the current developments.  
The Trust follows NICE guidelines
6. Does your trust use palliative sedation on patients over the age of 75?  
- The Trust manages terminal agitation according to NICE guidelines.
7. Did your trust receive financial incentive for placing patients on the Liverpool Care Pathway from 1990 to 2013?  
- In 2010/11 £309k was received which was attached to Commissioning for Quality and Innovation (CQUIN) goals involving the Liverpool Care Pathway
8. How much financial incentive did your trust receive for placing patients on the Liverpool Care Pathway from 1990 to 2013? - See above.