

**The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**

**Freedom of Information Request ref: 014974**

**Please could you provide answers to each separate question covering the following time periods:**

**The first covering the time period 1st January 2015 – 31st December 2015;**

**The second covering the time period 1st January 2016 – 31st December 2016;**

**The third covering the time period 1st January 2017 – 31st December 2017;**

**and the fourth covering the time period 1st January 2018 – 31st December 2018.**

**1. For each time period, how many discharge summaries were sent to GP practices after 24 hours of a discharge of a patient? i.e how many discharge summaries were delayed in sending to GPs? This counts for outpatient, inpatient, day case and A&E care.**

This information is not held on a centralised electronic report that would be able the Trust to produce the information you have requested. To provide the figures for the date ranges requested would require considerable investigation and report development given the various systems/scenarios in place during this timeframe (2015 -2018). The information requested is exempt on the basis of time/resource required to complete which would be over the FOI limit of 18 hours. Therefore the Trust would cite FOI exemption 12(1) cost exceeds the appropriate limit.

**Also, if you are able to answer within the confines of the FOI limitations, please answer the following:**

**2. For each time period, how many discharge summaries included planned and requested actions for GPs?**

The system used for electronic discharges cannot be searched or filtered to obtain this information.

**3. How many consultant to consultant (C2C) referrals were made in each time period?**

**2015 - 26028**

**2016 - 24656**

**2017 - 28069**

**2018 - 31486**