



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-691

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Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 16th December 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding self discharges

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014, University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore, the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 I am a student nurse at Keele University and currently doing a business report trying to improve healthcare innovations. My topic is regarding imputing more day rooms in wards to allow people to socialise more. The information I require is.**

**How many day/social rooms are there which are situated on the ward, out of all the wards in UHNM (including County hospital)?**

A1 25 day/social rooms are there are situated on wards in UHNM (including county hospital)

**Q2 On average how many self-discharges are made across the Trust over a year or months AND if you could please specify the different age categories of the people making these self-discharges?**

A2 For the period 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023 this is the total number of self-discharges - 3300.

| Age Groups | Count |
|------------|-------|
| 9 or under | 64    |
| 10-19      | 172   |
| 20-29      | 915   |
| 30-39      | 748   |
| 40-49      | 464   |
| 50-59      | 380   |

|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| 60-69       | 233  |
| 70-79       | 229  |
| 80-89       | 88   |
| 90-99       | 7    |
| Grand Total | 3300 |

We have identified a self-discharge using the following discharge methods of:-

Patient Discharged by Self or Relative  
Patient discharged him/herself  
Patient discharged by a relative or advocate

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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Yours,

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