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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 6th January 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding discharge stats

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 For the month of September 2022, please provide:
The number of patients discharged from the Royal Stoke Hospital between 7am and 9pm;**

A1 There were 3989 patients discharged from core base wards between 7am and 9pm, and a further 1597 discharges from maternity.

Q2 The number of patients discharged from the Royal Stoke Hospital between 9pm and 7am;

A2 There were 257 patients discharged from core base wards between 9pm and 7am, and a further 547 discharges from maternity. Of these 103 patients (40%) were discharged from a Short Stay Unit, Specialty/Same Day Portal, or Planned Care bed where discharge times will appropriately vary depending on patient recovery.

Q3 The number of patients discharged from the Royal Stoke Hospital between 9pm and 7am aged 80 and over;

A3 There were 29 patients discharged from core base wards between 9pm and 7am, of these 20 patients (70%) were discharged before midnight. We do not routinely discharge patients requiring social care input or who are resident in care homes late in the evening. This is because social care provision is not available, and because we have agreements with care homes that patients will not be transferred past a certain deadline (this is typically late afternoon/early evening). However, should a patient who lives independently or with their spouse or relative request that they be discharged as they have appropriate support available to them to allow them to return home, this would be accommodated. Furthermore, if a patient is on a fast track discharge this would also be accommodated in accordance with their wishes. One of the above is likely the case for the 29 patients referenced.

Q4 The age of the five oldest patients discharged from the Royal Stoke Hospital between the hours of 9pm and 7am – this can be broken down to age brackets, such as 80-84, 85-90, etc.

A4 The 5 oldest patients range from 89 – 97.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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