



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-636

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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear ,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 21st December 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) and regarding unsuitable housing

As of 1st 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 This is an information request relating to NHS safe house patients.

Please include the following information for each of the following financial years; 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23:

What are the conditions that class as “unsuitable housing’ or ‘clinically vulnerable’ pertaining to patients that require NHS safe places?

Unsuitable housing leading to the provision of safe houses refers to the conditions that means social services must be called as referred to in this article.<https://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/news/safe-place-patients-who-are-homeless-after-hospital-stay>

A1 Information not held by UHNM, please note however that the NHS do not have safe houses. Guys and St Thomas Hospitals may hold some data as per your link above.

Q2 How many cases of this have been reported each year?

A2 As answer 1

Q3 How many days did each patient stay?

A3 As answer 1

Q4 What were the reasons for their stay?

A4 As answer 1

Q5 How much did it cost to keep each patient?

A5 As answer 1

Q6 What was the reason for each patients' discharge?

A6 As answer 1

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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.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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Yours,



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