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Date: 30th October 2024

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 9th October 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Hospital emergency admissions over 65s from care homes

Q1 I would like to make the following freedom of information request to your NHS trust.

Please can you give the following information for the following years 2021, 2022, 2023 and if possible so far 2024.

How many people over the age of 65 were admitted to your hospital(s) as an unplanned (emergency) admission who were usually resident in a care home or a nursing home. Please break down by years and if possible whether it was a care home or a nursing home.

- A1 Information not held-we are unable, on our system 'Careflow', to distinguish between people who live in a residential property or a care/nursing home as patients are recorded on Careflow as coming from a "Usual place of residence"
- Q2 Of those people from Q1 how many safeguarding reports were made about concerns around the patient's welfare? le abuse or neglect? Please breakdown by years and if possible, breakdown the type of safeguarding referral by category ie abuse, neglect.
- Although we can't identify patients' residential status (as per Q1), we can confirm that a search of our incident reporting system, Datix, for incident reports when staff have raised safeguarding concerns against care providers provides the following information:

2021 - 51 2022 - 59 2023 - 45 2024 (01.01.2024 - 09.10.2024) - 31







- Q3 Of those people from Q1 how many were recorded as either malnourished or dehydrated. (not necessarily their primary reason for being admitted). Please break down by years and if possible whether they were malnourished or dehydrated or both.
- A3 Please refer to answer 1
- Q4 Of those people from Q2 how many were recorded as being admitted due to being malnourished or dehydrated (their primary reason for being admitted). Please break down by years and if possible whether they were malnourished or dehydrated or both.
- A4 Information not recorded
- Q5 Of those people from Q2 (recorded as dehydrated or malnourished) how many safeguarding concerns were made about the patient? Please break down by years.
- A5 Information not recorded

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Yours,

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