



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-676

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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Hospital discharge

On 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on the following:

We use the following NHS data standards when recording where a patient is discharged to.

[https://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/data\\_elements/discharge\\_destination\\_code\\_hospital\\_provider\\_spell.html#:~:text=attribute%20DISCHARGE%20DESTINATION,-,DISCHARGE%20DESTINATION%20CODE%20\(HOSPITAL%20PROVIDER%20SPELL\)%20is%20used%20by%20the,lower%20levels%20of%20healthcare%20resource](https://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/data_elements/discharge_destination_code_hospital_provider_spell.html#:~:text=attribute%20DISCHARGE%20DESTINATION,-,DISCHARGE%20DESTINATION%20CODE%20(HOSPITAL%20PROVIDER%20SPELL)%20is%20used%20by%20the,lower%20levels%20of%20healthcare%20resource) .

As you have stated in the request – “In the spirit of Section 16 of the FOI Act — to “provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made requests for information” — if you cannot answer all of these questions, please contact me to discuss what information you could supply at the earliest opportunity.” **You will need to review this list and advise which destinations they would like us to use.**

**Until we can agree on who makes up the cohort of patients in Q2A we are unable to answer Q3A.**

We will need to clarify the following queries:-

Q2 f. - The postcode of their discharge address? (Please supply just the beginning of the postcode if you're unable to give the full postcode) – **what do you mean here? as it referring you mean the hospital postcode as this is where they are been discharged from.**

Q3 b. - The cost to accommodate a patient in each setting per day? – **can we clarify what you mean the cost at the discharge destinations stated? If so you would have to speak to relevant discharge destinations to obtain this information.**

On 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 you replied via email with:

*'Thanks for your feedback. I've had a look at the data dictionary and it seems that the codes which most closely correlate with the discharge locations I'm looking for are:*

*54 - NHS run Care Home; 65 - Local Authority residential accommodation i.e. where care is provided; 85 - Non-NHS (other than Local Authority) run Care Home; 87 - Non-NHS run hospital*

*However, because I'm not a discharge planner, it'd be helpful if you also spoke with a member of the discharge team to ask them which codes they'd use to discharge someone to each of the locations below, so we can ensure that the information you return is correct.*

- i. Residential care home*
- ii. Nursing care home*
- iii. Community hospital*
- iv. Any other 24-hour bed-based setting (please specify)*

*It'd be helpful if in the response you specify which discharge codes are being referred to so I'm clear on reading it.*

*With regards to your other queries:*

*Q2 f. - Yes please, the postcode of the hospital they've been discharged from.*

*Q3 b. - It's my understanding that the NHS foots the bill for some of these residents who end up in care homes, for instance, through Continuing Healthcare, so it'd be at a cost to the Trust. I'm trying to establish how much this costs. If it's not a question the Trust feels it can answer, please do add a note as to why not when you complete the FOI and I'll follow it up elsewhere.'*

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 Please find my FOI request attached for your Trust/ health board**

A1 Refer to the attached document that you supplied

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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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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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