

13th January 2014

ND ref. **FOI/13/185**

Dear,

Thank you for your 24/11/13 request.

Freedom of Information

You requested the following information:

1. How many patients from Torrington and surrounding area were sent from NDDH to other community hospitals and nursing homes during the period 1st October 2013 to 26th November 2013?

Answer: 14 (eight of which were to community hospitals). This includes patients who were transferred to other community hospitals for receipt of specialist care e.g. Stroke rehabilitation, only provided at Bideford Hospital.

a) Can you tell me the length of stay of each patient from Torrington and surrounding area admitted to each community hospital - Bideford, South Molton, Holsworthy from NDDH during the period 1st Oct – 26th Nov 2013. If they are still a patient in that hospital please show this as well.

Answer: In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 we are unable to provide this information as the number of patients is less than five, and providing the length of stay of each would risk the identification of those patients. However the length of stay ranged from 8 – 53 days. None of the patients admitted within the date range specified are current inpatients.

b) Can you tell me the numbers of admissions to each community hospital from NDDH of Torrington and surrounding area patients to - Bideford, South Molton, Holsworthy

Answer: Five. In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 we are unable to provide this information because breaking this down between individual hospitals the number of patients is less than five and would risk the identification of those patients.

c) Can you tell me the numbers and length of stay of patients from Torrington and surrounding area admitted to Hatchmoor Nursing Home from Oct 1 to Nov 26th 2013

Answer: The Trust does not manage or hold any data for Hatchmoor Nursing Home. You may wish to contact them directly. Contact details are; Hatchmoor Nursing Home, Hatchmoor Common Lane, Great Torrington, North Devon, EX38 7HP or 01805 625721

2. How many patients from Torrington and surrounding area have had a length of stay more than 1 month at each of these hospitals within - Bideford, South Molton, Holsworthy within the period Jan 2012 to date

Answer: Please see table below:

Hospital (data from January 2012 to date)	Number of patients with a length of stay of more than 1 month
Bideford Hospital	14
Holsworthy Hospital	Fewer than 5
South Molton Hospital	Fewer than 5
Torrington Hospital	44

3. How many patients from Torrington and surrounding area have had a length of stay more than 3 months at each of these hospitals - Bideford, South Molton, Holsworthy within the period Jan 2012 to date?

Answer: Please see table below:

Hospital (data from January 2012 to date)	Number of patients with a length of stay of more than 3 months
Bideford Hospital	Fewer than 5
South Molton Hospital	Fewer than 5
Holsworthy Hospital	0
Torrington Hospital	6

4. How many patients from Torrington and surrounding area have had a length of stay more than 6 months at each of these hospitals - Bideford South Molton Holsworthy within the period Jan 2012 to date?

Answer: One.

5. How many Torrington and surrounding area patients were sent home from NDDH during the period 1st October 2013 to 26th November 2013?

Answer: 418

6. How many of these patients relating to (Question 5 Torrington and surrounding area patients) were readmitted to NDDH within one month of original discharge from NDDH during the period 1st October 2013 to date?

Answer: The Trust collates this data quarterly, and reports it nationally. We are unable to provide the information to support this question at the current time, however would be happy to provide it shortly.

We hope this is useful. To the best of our knowledge it comprises all the relevant information held by the Trust.

Yours sincerely,

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