

19th February 2014

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Dear

Thank you for your 11/01/14 request.

Freedom of Information

You requested the following information regarding the Torrington Trial:

I would like to enquire if there has been the need to cancel any operations due to delayed discharges thus creating lack of available beds since Care In The Community has been on trial.

Answer: There were no occasions where Torrington residents had their operations cancelled due to delayed discharges between 1 October – 26 November 2013 (the period for which we have reliable data for 'Care in the Community' in Torrington).

More information about the model of healthcare in Torrington and our 8-week evaluation report can be found at www.torringtoncares.co.uk

Therefore your question as it stands cannot be directly answered as there is no direct causal link between delayed discharges and cancelled operations. We would be happy to answer a variation of this question if you wished to submit a new FOI request. Please also note that for a truly accurate picture may we suggest you ask Plymouth and Royal Devon & Exeter Trusts how many operations for Torrington residents they had cancelled during the same time period.

Should you wish to contact them, details for Plymouth and RD&E Trusts are below:

Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust
Legal Department
Central Records Library
Bush Park
Plymouth
PL6 7RG

Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust
Information Governance Office
Room Q127
Barrack Road
Exeter
EX2 5DW

Tel: 01752 431055
email: plh-tr.foi-requests@nhs.net

Tel: 01392 406229
e-mail: rde-tr.FOI@nhs.net

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

Yours sincerely,

FOI - Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust

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