

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning the number of patients recorded as discharged between the hours of 23:00 and 06:00.

1) The number of patients recorded as discharged between the hours of 23:00 and 06:00 and the percentage of total discharges this represents

2) A breakdown of these discharges by reason for discharge, specifically for the following categories:

- a. medical advice
- b. self-discharges
- c. discharges by a relative
- d. deceased
- e. any other reasons specified by your records

3) Please advise whether your data records the time of discharge or the time at which the discharge was processed, and any further guidance you are able to give on the accuracy or reliability of the data you are releasing.

4) If it does not exceed cost limits, the same request applying to data for the 2012-13 financial year.

The Trust can provide the following information:

*******Figures below: The data relates to the times which discharges were recorded within the EPR system and not necessarily the actual time patients departed the hospital. Anecdotally we believe there is often a time-lag between these two elements with patients physically leaving the hospital well before this is recorded on our system.*******

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FYear	Method	Total between Hrs 23 & 06	Total	%
2012/13	PATIENT discharged on clinical advice or with clinical consent	3889	59686	6.52%
2012/13	PATIENT discharged him/herself or was discharged by a relative or a dvocate	138	719	19.19%
2012/13	PATIENT discharged by mental health review tribunal, Home Secretary or court	1	11	9.09%
2012/13	PATIENT died	143	507	28.21%
2013/14	PATIENT discharged on clinical advice or with clinical consent	3295	62612	5.26%
2013/14	PATIENT discharged him/herself or was discharged by a relative or a dvocate	89	747	11.91%
2013/14	PATIENT discharged by mental health review tribunal, Home Secretary or court	1	16	6.25%
2013/14	PATIENT died	97	431	22.51%

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at foi@homerton.nhs.uk, in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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