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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2385

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request relating to Homerton Hospital's discharge policy.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. Does the Trust have a discharge policy in place that requires patients to leave hospital after a specified period of time, if they are medically fit but remain in hospital because they (or their family) have been unable to?

- a. Choose a preferred residential or nursing home?
- b. Arrange a care package at home?
- c. Find suitable alternative housing (e.g. sheltered/retirement housing, extra care)?

Please provide copies of any relevant policy documents.

2. How many patients have been affected by this policy in the past 12 months? Please provide an overall number, and if possible also provide a breakdown by:

- a. Age (over 65 or under 65)
- b. Reason for the policy being enacted (as in question 1)

3. Does the Trust have plans to develop such a policy within the next 12 months?

Homerton hospital Trust have a discharge policy that applies to ALL patients that are transferred from hospital via the integrated discharge team. There is a component of this policy called the facilitated discharge policy, this is currently in draft format which has not actively been applied, but recognises a need for this in the situations whereby a patient is medically fit to leave hospital and has been offered suitable options but declined interim options.

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Yours sincerely

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