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Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 230740.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

Please find below a freedom of information request related to the discharge of patients who may be homeless.

Should answering this FOI exceed the time limit, please prioritise Questions 1 and 2a.

Q1. How many individuals have been discharged to 'no fixed abode' from hospitals within your trust? Where possible please provide data both by individual medical department and as a whole (for the entire Trust).

Please provide data for each of the following financial years:

- 2022/2023 (or the latest financial year)
- 2017/2018

If you do not hold data on the number of individuals, please provide the number of discharges there have been to 'no fixed abode'.

Q2a. Of those individuals who were discharged to 'no fixed abode' (in Q1) how many were readmitted within six months?

Please provide data for each of the following financial years:

- 2022/2023 (or the latest financial year)
- 2017/2018

If you do not hold data on the number of individuals, please provide the number of readmissions.

Q2b. Of the individuals in Q2a, how many individuals were readmitted because of substance use issues?

Please provide data for each of the following financial years:

- **2022/2023 (or the latest financial year)**
- **2017/2018**

Q3. Does your NHS Trust have guidance/policy in place that details how to support a patient who is being discharged from hospital to 'no fixed abode'?

As we are an Ambulance Trust, we do not provide these services.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
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