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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing to make a request for information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For the 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial year (up to January 31), please would you tell me:

The TOTAL number of patients who discharged themselves from hospitals.

Additionally, I wish this information to be broken down for EACH financial year and provided in a spreadsheet format.

Answer:

Please note that the relevant discharge code includes both self-discharges and discharges by relatives and unfortunately, they are unable to be separated. See below for data:

| Fiscal Year | Self/Relative-Discharges Count |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2019/20 | 641 |
| 2020/21 | 613 |
| 2021/22 | 578 |
| 2022/23 | 414 |
| Total 01-04-19 to 31-01-23 | 2246 |