

Our Ref: 340/2023  
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## Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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) **48**
- 2017/2018 **51**

**Figures become too small when broken down by department**

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) **16**
- 2017/2018 **20**

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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

**This question is open to interpretation. We have access to mental health codes relating to substance use but this may not be what the requestor is asking for. The requestor would have to be more specific and specifically around which substances they wish to look at. Also, even with substance use noted within diagnosis this does not mean it was the reason for admission, the best we could do is look where the primary diagnosis code was related to a substance.**

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'?

**See attached policy section 6.9**

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