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From: Commercial
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Subject: Complex discharges from your hospital

REQUEST & RESPONSE

Please will you kindly provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act in relation to complex discharges from your hospital(s):

1. Does the Trust have a policy for complex discharges? **yes**
2. If yes, is it publicly available and how can it be accessed? **Internet**
3. How many complex discharges were there in 2015?
It is difficult to ascertain the split of those referred for complex discharge planning and those who actually received a service. This is because the Trust have a number of Local Authorities they engage with and do not collect all the data about social care outcomes. They do collect data for 3 of the Local Authorities. Therefore we have provided the number of referrals made via the Integrated Discharge Team for complex discharge planning. 5775 (this is from April 2015 to April 16 the financial year).
4. What was the proportion of complex discharges compared to the total number of discharges? **The total number of discharges for the Trust was 17,246 (April 15 to April 16)**
5. On average, how long did the process take from the decision to discharge to the discharge taking place? **72 hours**
6. On average, how long did it take to define the care plan? **The work required to answer this would exceed 2.5 days**
7. On average, how long did it take to implement the care plan once it had been defined? **The work required to answer this would exceed 2.5 days**
8. How many discharges took more than two weeks? **The work required to answer this would exceed 2.5 days**

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Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.