

# Request title: Discharge Policy

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Date of Response: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

## Request and reply

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

**Please refer to section 12 and appendix 10 of the attached policy for further information on the above.**

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) **None**
  - b. Reason for the policy being enacted (as in question 1) **None**
3. Does the Trust have plans to develop such a policy within the next 12 months?  
**Yes, the current policy is being reviewed.**