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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 40804 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Bed Availability

Your request is set out below:

Over the last 12 months, in your trust:

- On how many occasions have leave beds (beds occupied by a patient who is on a period of leave but is still within in-patient care) been occupied by another patient.

For the period 1st Nov 22 – 31st Oct 23 there were 794 bed days when a bed assigned to a patient on leave was also assigned to another patient occupying the same bed.

Please note this figure is the number of bed days and not the number of occasions, for example if the leave patient bed was being occupied for 7 nights this is counted as 7 and not 1.

- On how many occasions have there been no unoccupied inpatient beds available within the trust.

For the period 1st Nov 22 – 31st Oct 23 there have been no days where there has been no available bed at the trust on any given day. There have been days where a ward or service is at full capacity, but there have not been any days where the trust has been at 100% bed occupancy with no bed available.

- If out of area placements have been made for patients under the care of the trust over the last 12 months, please list a) the trusts to which patients were sent and b) for each trust, the number of times patient(s) from your trust were sent there.

For the period 1st Nov 22 – 31st Oct 23 there have been 55 out of area placements. Attached shows the breakdown with the hospital name, but we do not have the trust name for those hospitals.

Hospital
Cygnets Appletree Hospital DH8 8NT
Cygnets Hospital Bierley BD4 6AD
Cygnets Hospital Godden Green TN15 0JR

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Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati

Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

Cygnets Hospital Hexham NE46 4JR Cygnets Hospital Kewstoke BS22 9UZ Cygnets Hospital Maidstone ME14 5FY Cygnets Hospital Woking GU21 2QS Elysium Healthcare Arbury Court WA2 8TR Elysium Healthcare Pinhoe View EX1 3PZ Elysium Healthcare Thornford Pk RG19 8ET Other- Record site details in next field Priory Hosp Middleton St George DL2 1TS Priory Hospital Bristol BS16 1EQ Priory Hospital Burgess Hill BN6 9LE Priory Hospital Nottingham NG3 5GS Priory Hospital Ticehurst TN5 7HU St Andrews Hospital Essex SS12 9JP St Andrews Hospital Northampton NN1 5DG

Due to the low numbers involved in this part of the response to your request I would like to confirm that we are unable to release the information, in full. We are not obliged, under section 40 (2) FOIA to provide information that is personal information of another person if releasing would contravene any of the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018. In this instance we believe that the figures are significantly low enough that identification of those involved could be made, and would therefore contravene the first Data Protection principle, therefore section 40 (2) is engaged.

The terms of this exemption in the freedom of information act mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department