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NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Request for Information**

I write further to your request FOI ID 51672 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Out of area placements

Your request is set out below:

1. Could you tell me, for 2019-2025  
a) how many patients were transferred out-of-area

| Year                                          | No of patients |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>2019</b>                                   | <b>58</b>      |
| <b>2020</b>                                   | <b>68</b>      |
| <b>2021</b>                                   | <b>92</b>      |
| <b>2022</b>                                   | <b>88</b>      |
| <b>2023</b>                                   | <b>86</b>      |
| <b>2024</b>                                   | <b>80</b>      |
| <b>2025 (up to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025)</b> | <b>110</b>     |

- b) the furthest distance a patient was transferred

**349.3 miles – please note this distance was due to the residential postcode at time of admission being outside of the Kent locality.**

**The average distance between an individual's home and out of area bed is 57.6 miles**

- c) the longest period a patient was placed in an out-of-area trust

**1067 days**

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.

**We are proud to be smoke free**

Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati  
Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

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