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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - FOI/012662 – Delayed discharges

1. The number of letters issued by your Trust threatening legal proceedings if a patient does not leave. Please include specific details of any laws referred to in each.

We do not threaten legal proceedings or make specific reference to any laws in our discharge letters

2. How many letters has your Trust issued threatening legal proceedings if a patient does not vacate a hospital bed/ward on 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16. Please include specific details of any laws referred to in each if different from Question 1.

See above Q1

3. Number of cases an eviction notice or court order for possession of a bed been served by your trust in 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16. Please include specific details of any laws referred to in each if different from Questions 1 and 2.

No formal eviction notice or court order for possession of a bed has been served by this Trust in the years listed. On rare occasions we have had forced discharges and we have consulted with Trust lawyers. We have a standard template for patient letters which is amended to suit each individual situation which is usually adapted by the Matron responsible for that specific patient area.

Although the term 'eviction' is used a lot for patients who we are considering for forced discharge, so far as I am aware, we haven't pursued any formal legal routes.

1. What is the longest time (in days) one patient has remained in a bed at your NHS Trust due to delays in transfer of care (DTC) in 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16;

2013/14 longest DTC 88 days
2014/15 longest DTC 88 days
2015/16 longest DTC 102 days

2. In each case, please provide the age of the patient and reason for delay.

2013/14 Patient age 84 DTC reasons changed over time last recorded reason was CCG Funding
2014/15 Patient age 71 DTC last recorded reason CCG Assessment
2015/16 Patient age 87 DTC last recorded as patient/ family