

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 30/04/2019.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

1. *How many attendances to your organisation were coded as NFA (no fixed address) per year in 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018?*

The figures below refer to the number of patients whose current address at the time of attendance was no fixed abode.

2015 – 42
2016 – 58
2017 – 40
2018 – 50

2. *Does your organisation have (a) a documented pathway for supporting homeless patients; or (b) a housing officer (or similar); or (c) a supply of clean clothes to offer homeless people? If yes to (a), (b), or (c) please provide details.*

We follow the Duty to Refer legislation and liaise closely with our external Housing Officers. However, we are currently in the process of employing a Housing Officer to support us further. We do hold a small supply of clean clothing to offer homeless patients if required.

3. *How many patient referrals to a local housing authority under the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 has your organisation made since 1 October 2018?*

I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not currently collate the information that you have requested. The new Housing Officer will provide ongoing data.

4. *What is your organisation doing, or planning to do, to support homeless patients or to comply with the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017?*

Once a patient is identified as homeless we gain consent and follow the Duty to Refer. A new Housing Officer is due to commence very shortly.