

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000 – our ref: FOI 19/20_269

I write in response to your request under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. Your request was as follows:

Please could you provide answers to each separate question covering the following time periods:

*The first covering the time period **1st January 2015 – 31st December 2015;**
The second covering the time period **1st January 2016 – 31st December 2016;**
The third covering the time period **1st January 2017 – 31st December 2017;**
and the fourth covering the time period **1st January 2018 – 31st December 2018.***

- 1. For each time period, how many discharge summaries were sent to GP practices after 24 hours of a discharge of a patient? i.e how many discharge summaries were delayed in sending to GPs? This counts for outpatient, inpatient, day case and A&E care. Also, if you are able to answer within the confines of the FOI limitations, please answer the following:*
- 2. For each time period, how many discharge summaries included planned and requested actions for GPs?*
- 3. How many consultant to consultant (C2C) referrals were made in each time period?*

I can confirm that the Trust holds the information you request. However, the only way in which to retrieve this information would be by scrutinising individual patient records: this work would exceed the 18-hour limit set down in Section 12(1) of the Act for non-chargeable work, but would in any case not be an appropriate use of patient records in terms of Data Protection.

