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Dear Ms Fillis,

Thank you for your recent email which we received on 7 April 2021 and in which you requested information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

On behalf of the Trust, please accept my apologies for the delay in providing this response.

We have requested the information from the appropriate information holders within our trust and received the following answers to your questions:

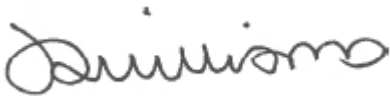
1. The number of nurses or support workers who support patients regarding their housing while they are inpatient in a mental health unit. These could be housing officers, housing support workers, special housing nurses, or similar professions that are specialised in housing support. **The Trust has one designated housing support worker post employed by a social housing provider. The Trust uses a criteria led discharge process to support the identification of issues to resolve as part of discharge, and this includes housing needs. If housing needs are identified then the relevant persons in the Multi-Disciplinary Team will work with the individual to process these needs, make a referral to the appropriate agency for housing support if needed. Some of the Trust's locality Clinical Commission Groups commission housing support to their locality wards from a third party who do in reach to Trust inpatient services.**
2. The protocol for discharging homeless patients or patients who face homelessness after their discharge. Please provide a document with the discharge policy or, if there is no document, please state what the protocol is. **Each of the Trust's localities has a process for supporting homeless people, and discharges from our wards to that area follow that. This is not a Trust process; it is the process belonging to the local authorities in each area in line with their duty to prevent homelessness and support those who are homeless.**

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3. The number of nurses or support workers who support mental health patients regarding their housing while they are in the community. These could be housing officers, housing support workers, special housing nurses, or similar professions that are specialised in housing support. **The Trust does not have any such posts: the Trust's Care Programme Approach policy is followed, which gives guidance on providing support in relation to social needs such as housing. Where needed the Trust will work alongside the local specialist housing support services(s) to address housing needs.**

I hope that this information is useful and helps to fulfil your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act. If you are not happy with the information supplied with your response or wish to make a complaint, please email foi@swyt.nhs.uk. You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. Details can be found on: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely,



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