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Dear Ms. Fillis,

**Re: Decision Notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

**Duty to confirm or deny**

I can confirm that the information requested is held by the Trust.

**Response to the information requested**

I would like to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, the following information for adult mental health services in Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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 does not have any specific specialist housing nursing or support staff who specifically support patients regarding their housing while they are an inpatient in a mental health unit. We do have staff that have done some additional work that has expanded their skills with discharge however this is not their core role**

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.

**Please see Discharge Policy/Procedure in Appendix 1 attached. Please note we do not have a specific discharge to homeless policy. It is very rare for someone to be discharged to the street with no follow up. Where no secure housing is available a discharge is made to the council homeless service.**

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 specific housing nursing or support staff who support mental health patients regarding their housing while they are in the community  
We do have staff that have done some additional work that has expanded their skills with discharge however this is not their core role**

**Exemption(s) which apply**

- **None**

As part of our monitoring process to ensure that we continue to meet your requirements, we would be grateful if you could please take a few moments to complete the survey at <https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-request-form> and return it by email to: [foi@nottshc.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@nottshc.nhs.uk)

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Yours sincerely,

**Becky Cassidy**  
**Interim Trust Secretary**