

## Freedom of Information Request **21 091**

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Dear Vanessa,

Further to your Freedom of Information Request, please find the Trust's response below:

My name is Vanessa Fillis and I am a freelance journalist.

I would like to request, under the freedom of information act, the following information for adult mental health services in Humber Teaching 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.

Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust ("the Trust") has one dedicated Social Worker / Approved Mental Health Professional whose role is to support service users with social care and housing issues in our mental health units. This person also links in with the Trust's contract holder, MIND, around step down capacity and transfer. Besides this dedicated person, the wider MDT (Nurses, medics, AHP's community social workers etc.) support individuals with all CPA needs of which housing is an integral aspect.

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.

The Trust has a Discharge and Transfer Policy which addresses homeless patients (copy attached). Furthermore, the Trust contracts a minimum of 5 'stepdown beds' from MIND. The contract allows for any homeless patient to be discharged into accommodation and MIND supports the individual to find more stable housing with an agreed time length of 28 days. Besides this internal solution we work with both local councils following their protocols around homelessness which the dedicated worker and wider inpatient teams are fully aware of.

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.



GP (0.5)

Band 7 Clinician x 1

Band 6 Nurse / Social Worker x 4

Clinical Psychologist (0.8)

Band 3 Health Care Support Worker x 2

Kind regards,

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