


**Our Ref: FOI - 2137 - Housing Support**

**Request & Trust Response**

I would like to request, under the freedom of information act, the following information for adult mental health services in Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust.

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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.	<p>This is an MDT approach within inpatient service. All wards have dedicated WTE Occupational Therapists that assist patients in sourcing accommodation by linking in with the local housing officers and other third sector providers. The named nurses and care coordinators are also involved in this process. The MH inpatient service have link housing officers that join the regular discharge meetings. There is also a dedicated discharge team that coordinate this process for inpatient service. The inpatient discharge team made up of 3.0 WTE RMNS and 1.0 WTE Occupational therapist (OT).</p> <p>The discharge team works with the inpatient MDTs, care coordinators, local housing services and third sector housing provider. Another core function of the discharge team is to source funding for patient's accommodation through local CCGs.</p>
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.	<p>The service has a discharge policy in place. Discharging patients without fixed aboard would be an MDT decision. The discharging ward/unit would contact the local council and or third sector housing provider to source suitable accommodation for the patient prior to their discharge. The local housing provider will provide the</p>

	<p>patient with an appointment for the patient to attend the housing office to be housed. The discharging ward/unit would provide transport and food vouchers as required. Patient are also provided and signpost to local housing charities.</p>  <p>Discharge and Transfer Policy (Ment:</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>In community mental health there are no current specialist roles, this support is fulfilled by Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Social Workers and Support Workers as part of their wider role, or individuals are signposted to housing services, if they are able to access this support independently.</p> <p>Community mental health consists of Community Mental health and Wellbeing Team (IPU 3-8), Recovery Team (IPU 11-17), Early Intervention Team (IPU 10), Perinatal Services and Dementia Services across Coventry and Warwickshire.</p> <p>The current number of staff in post across community mental health is 177.38 whole time equivalent staff. There are currently 21.41 vacancies across this staff group.</p> <p>Under the Section 75 agreement, there are approximately 70.60 social care staff in post.</p>

