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Dear Vanessa Fillis

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – request for information**

I am writing in respect of your recent enquiry for information held by the Trust under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**You asked for:**

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

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.

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.

**Please find the response below (in red):**

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.

1Band 6 Social worker,

2 Band 4 Assistant Practitioners

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

There is no document with the Discharge Policy. All discharges are considered and planned in line with our Policy and Procedure relating to The Care Programme Approach. This includes a holistic assessment of individual needs and associated risks to include housing. Where an individual is identified as having needs associated with housing or risks associated with homelessness they are proactively supported by the team based within inpatients looking housing support. An individual plan is made with that person to ensure they have support to address their needs. This includes prior notification to our emergency housing team and an appointment being made with them to identify accommodation at the point of discharge. Patients are actively supported with applications, attending appointments and ensuring follow up post discharge and aligned to their plan for support in community.

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.

We have one support worker who has a specialist role/interest in housing support

If for any reason you are unhappy with our response, you are entitled to approach the Trust with complaints or comments. This can be done in writing and addressed to the Complaints Manager at the above address. If you remain dissatisfied with our decision, please contact the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

**Information Governance and Records Management Team**