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| 5th May 2021    Vanessa Fillis  vanessafillis.journalism@gmail.com |

## Dear Ms Fillis,

Thank you for your correspondence received on 7th April requesting information from our Trust.

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we are able to provide you with the following information:

For adult mental health services in Leeds and York Partnership 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.

**Whilst we have a number of people that support patients with their housing whilst they are inpatients as a general part of our Care Programme Approach / inpatient care plans, we also have 2 Accommodation Gateway workers who support patients with housing and work with our Capacity and Flow Team. We also have 2 housing officers who work with us.**

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.

**Whilst we have an Admission and Discharge Procedure, which is used in conjunction with our Care Programme Approach Policy (see attached), we do not have a specific protocol for discharging people who face homelessness on discharge. We continually assess a person’s needs and risks whilst they on the ward and work directly with the patient and, where appropriate, their family and carers to try to avoid people being discharged to the streets. Ultimately people may choose this option and, if they have capacity to make this choice, we would try to ensure they are referred to the appropriate support services. The new housing officers work with ward teams to ensure that patient’s options on discharge to accommodation are understood at the earliest opportunity and that wherever possible, patients are discharged to appropriate long term accommodation.**

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.

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| **Please see our response to question 1. There are a number of clinical staff working in the community that support individuals via their care programme approach regarding general housing issues.  In addition to this and to support people with more complex issues, we have 3 Mental Health Homeless Prevention Workers embedded in our Community Mental Health Teams (CMHT’s), who offer comprehensive housing support interventions as well as signposting on to other organisations for longer term housing support.** |

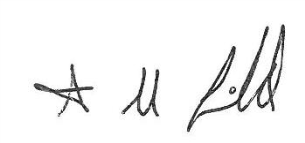
If you are not satisfied with our decision regarding your request, you have the right to appeal and should in the first instance write to our Freedom of Information Officer, who will escalate your appeal to the Executive Team FoIA Lead. Our maximum response time to conduct our review of your appeal will be 40 working days.

If you are still not satisfied you can contact the Information Commissioner’s Office, who oversees Freedom of Information and Data Protection in the UK.

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If there is anything that you need further clarification on, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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