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Subject: When did you start referring patients and how many patients have been referred through the NHS discharge medicine service (DMS), a nationally commissioned service

Q1 When did your trust begin referring patients through the NHS Discharge Medicine Service (DMS)?

A1 July 2019

Q2 How many patients has your trust referred to community pharmacies through the DMS between 15 February 2021 and 14 July 2022?

a. How many patients has your trust discharged in total within this timeframe?

A2 134

a. 61,662, however this figure includes all cases such as non-ward activity and non-elective discharges

Q3 According to [national guidance for operating the DMS](#), trusts are responsible for developing their own eligibility criteria for patients referred through the service that meet "local population needs" (see page 13). Please could you supply a copy of your trust's eligibility criteria for referring patients through the DMS?

A3 Original criteria was for patients on multiple medications with supply being provided via multiple routes i.e Alder Hey plus GP. Additionally those patient who had medications requiring specific formulations continuing in the community.

We have now changed this and now will ask all parents/carers on admission if they would like us to share discharge information with community pharmacy hence significant increase over past few months.