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Subject: Discharge of patients who may be Homeless

Please find below a freedom of information request related to the discharge of patients who may be homeless.

Should answering this FOI exceed the time limit, please prioritise Questions 1 and 2a.

Q1 How many individuals have been discharged to 'no fixed abode' from hospitals within your trust? Where possible please provide data both by individual medical department and as a whole (for the entire Trust).

Please provide data for each of the following financial years:

- a. 2022/2023 (or the latest financial year)
- b. 2017/2018

If you do not hold data on the number of individuals, please provide the number of discharges there have been to 'no fixed abode'.

A1 Information not held - Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist paediatric hospital and does not routinely treat adults. For safeguarding purposes, patients would not be categorised as 'no fixed abode' upon discharge.

Q2 a. Of those individuals who were discharged to 'no fixed abode' (in Q1) how many were readmitted within six months?

Please provide data for each of the following financial years:

- i. 2022/2023 (or the latest financial year)
- ii. 2017/2018

If you do not hold data on the number of individuals, please provide the number of readmissions.

b. Of the individuals in Q2a, how many individuals were readmitted because of substance use issues?

Please provide data for each of the following financial years:

- i. 2022/2023 (or the latest financial year)
- ii. 2017/2018

A2 Information not held - Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist paediatric hospital and does not routinely treat adults. For safeguarding purposes, patients would not be categorised as 'no fixed abode' upon discharge.

Q3 Does your NHS Trust have guidance/policy in place that details how to support a patient

who is being discharged from hospital to 'no fixed abode'?

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