

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_230_17

You asked:

I'm looking for the number of people aged 65+ who were discharged between 22.00 and 06.00, for each month between January 1 2016 and December 31 2016.

I further request the information, if possible, to broken down into ages 65-74, 75-84, 85+ for the discharged patients.

Could I also have detail of how many patients were discharged to their home, to a nursing home, care home, rehabilitation, transferred etc.

Please note we have not provided a breakdown by month due to the low numbers involved when broken down to this detail. Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain.

Please see information provided in the table below.

Inpatient Discharges Between 22:00 - 06:00 Aged 65+: 2016					
<i>Discharge Destination</i>	19	51	55	57	85
Aged 65-74	186	21	21		
Aged 75-84	127	7	24		**
Aged 85+	66	10	24	**	
Total	379	38	69	**	**

Discharge Destination Key:

19: Usual place of residence unless listed below for example, a private dwelling, whether owner occupied, owned by local authority, housing association or private landlord. This includes wardened accommodation but not residential accommodation where health care is provided.

51: Other NHS Trust - ward for general patients or the younger physically disabled or A & E department.

55: Hospital site within the same Trust - ward for general patients or the younger physically disabled or A & E department.

57: Hospital site within the same Trust - ward for patients who are mentally ill or have learning disabilities.

85: Non-NHS (other than local authority) run residential care home.

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles set out in Schedules 2 and 3 of the Act. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and does not require the Health Board to consider the public interest test.

And whether their relatives were informed.

I can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record this information. The information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record as part of their ongoing care. To provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl and significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act