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### **Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 027-1920**

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about the support offered to homeless patient. Please find our response below.

1) How many attendances to your organisation were coded as NFA (no fixed address) per year in 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018?

**The Trust does not hold this information.**

2) Does your organisation have (a) a documented pathway for supporting homeless patients; or (b) a housing officer (or similar); or (c) a supply of clean clothes to offer homeless people? If yes to (a), (b), or (c) please provide details.

- (a) We would refer to the appropriate District Council for housing and support. We are currently running a pilot in conjunction with a Housing Association to strengthen our approach and to specifically avoid homeless discharges.**
- (b) We are funded to provide a Support Accommodation Team which has access to 130 beds for use in supporting patients flowing through our services. The service also has strong links with our District Council housing colleagues so that we also have appropriate access to their housing stock.**
- (c) All of our wards have a supply of clean clothes in various sizes which are provided to service users as appropriate.**

3) How many patient referrals to a local housing authority under the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 has your organisation made since 1 October 2018?

**The Trust does not hold this information.**

4) What is your organisation doing, or planning to do, to support homeless patients or to comply with the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017?

**Our Supported Accommodation Team supports people or advises teams on registering an individual as homeless when required to do so.**

Yours sincerely,

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