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Dear

FOI-05-362

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 2nd May 2023. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can provide the following information.

An anonymised copy of this response will be made publicly available on the ICB website.

Please see our responses in blue below:

Hospital Beds

1. What is the total number of hospital beds in your region?

As at the 30th April 2023 there were 1343 General and Acute Beds, 58 Adult Critical Care Beds, and 9 Paediatric Critical Care Beds at University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust. There were also 465 Mental Health/Learning Disability and Other Beds available at Midlands Partnership University Foundation NHS Trust, and 182 Mental Health/Learning Disability and Other Beds available at North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust.

2. How many beds (or what percentage of total beds) are occupied by patients who are 'medically fit awaiting discharge' at any given time (on average)?

The average for 2022/2023 at University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust was 130 which equates to 9.67%. For Midlands Partnership University Foundation NHS Trust the average was 25 and for North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust 23.

3. What is the average number of days from when a patient is declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' to the day they are discharged?

The data is not currently available to the ICB. Your request should be redirected to the Secondary Care providers.

- 4. What is the total number of bed days per month that beds are occupied by patients who are 'medically fit awaiting discharge'? (1 bed occupied for 10 days = 10 bed days; 10 beds occupied for 1 day = 10 bed days)**

The ICB does not hold this level of data. Your request should be redirected to the Secondary Care providers.

- 5. What is the average cost of a hospital bed per day in your region?**

The ICB do not pay for beds on a cost per bed basis and therefore do not hold this information.

- 6. What is the cost of a stroke inpatient bed per day vs a standard acute bed per day?**

The ICB do not pay for beds on a cost per bed basis and therefore do not hold this information.

- 7. What are the reasons for patients remaining within hospital, occupying a bed, after they have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge'?**

Adult Social Care delays?

Lack of adequate care facility/beds?

Lack of carers?

Lack of hospital capacity to discharge?

As at the 30th April 2023:

- 31% or 26 patients were delayed due to Hospital Processes which include changes to status during the day, awaiting a medical decision or intervention, awaiting a therapy decision, awaiting medications to take home, awaiting transport, not having a plan in place, or awaiting a Diagnostic test.
- 19% or 16 patients were delayed due to Interface issues which include awaiting confirmation from community hub/single point of access that referral received and actioned, Individual or family not in agreement with discharge plans, Safeguarding concern preventing discharge or Court of protection, Repatriation/Transfer to another acute trust for specialist treatment or ongoing treatment, or required to remain in hospital to avoid spread of (non-Covid 19) infectious disease and because there is no other suitable location to discharge to.
- 14% or 12 patients were delayed due to waiting for availability of rehabilitation bed in community hospital or other bedded setting.
- 36% or 31 patients were delayed due to Social Care and Local Authority issues which include waiting for the availability of resource for assessment and start of care at home, awaiting availability of a bed in a residential or nursing home that is likely to be a permanent placement, awaiting community equipment and

adaptations to housing, or the patient being unhoused or with no right of recourse to public funds/no place to discharge to.

Patients

1. **Of the total number of patients who have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' but still occupying a bed for more than 3 days:**
 - a) **How many are stroke patients?**
 - b) **How many are patients with chronic conditions?**
 - c) **What conditions are most common in these patients?**

The ICB does not hold this level of data. Your request should be redirected to the Secondary Care providers.

2. **For each of the 2 listed patient sub-groups (stroke vs chronic conditions patients who have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' but have occupied a bed for 3 days or more), please could you provide their:**
 - a) **Average age**
 - b) **Risk of UTI**
 - c) **Rate of falls?**
 - d) **Average level of care needs?**

The ICB does not hold this level of data. Your request should be redirected to the Secondary Care providers.

3. **What % of patients who have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' but are occupying a bed for more than 3 days are eligible for Continuing Healthcare vs Adult Social Care?**
 - a) **What is this percentage in stroke patients who have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' but are occupying a bed for more than 3 days?**
 - b) **What is this percentage in patients with chronic conditions who have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' but are occupying a bed for more than 3 days?**

The ICB does not hold this level of data. Your request should be redirected to the Secondary Care providers.

Services

1. **Are there any intermediate care / step up/down / stroke rehab facilities in your region?**
 - a) **If so, who commissions them?**

Yes, the ICB has delegated the commissioning of Discharge to Assess beds to Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust.

- b) **Are they privately or publicly funded?**

The beds are commissioned by the NHS.

- 2. What type of contracting is used for the commissioning of private IC facilities?**
a) What is the average contract length?

The ICB does not hold this information given the delegated commissioning arrangements.

- b) What are the payment terms (block payment, pay for results, etc)?**

The ICB does not hold this information given the delegated commissioning arrangements.

- 3. What number of intermediate care beds would fulfil your current unmet need?**

The ICB does not hold this level of data. Your request should be redirected to the Secondary Care providers.

Right of Appeal

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board FOI team by emailing the team at StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:
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Yours sincerely

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