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Subject: DTOC Spinal Injuries

REQUEST

I would like to make the following freedom of information request to your organisation. Please can I request the following:

****The following request is regarding your spinal injury unit and refers to spinal injury patients only:

1. As of 19th July 2024, how many spinal injury patients are currently inpatients at your hospital?
2. As of 19th July 2024, how many spinal injury patients who are inpatients at your hospital are currently fit for discharged but their discharge is delayed?
3. How many of the patients from question 2 are delayed due to a lack of housing or due to housing that is in need of adaptations?
4. Of the patients from question 3, who have been waiting for housing or housing adaptations to be discharged – what is the length of their delayed discharge? Please break down either individually or group by how many have been waiting more than a month, 2-6 months, 6-12months, 1-year etc?
5. What is the longest length of delayed discharge, of the patients from question 3, due to a lack of housing or in need of housing adaptations?
6. What is the average length of delayed discharge, of the patients from questions 3, due to a lack of housing or in need of housing adaptations?

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

1. As of 19th July 2024, how many spinal injury patients are currently inpatients at your hospital?

There were 48 inpatients at the NWRNIC on 19 July 2024

2. As of 19th July 2024, how many spinal injury patients who are inpatients at your hospital are currently fit for discharged but their discharge is delayed?

7 of these patients were a delayed discharge on 19 July 2024

3. How many of the patients from question 2 are delayed due to a lack of housing or due to housing that is in need of adaptations?

1 of these patients has a delay related to housing

4. Of the patients from question 3, who have been waiting for housing or housing adaptations to be discharged – what is the length of their delayed discharge? Please break down either individually or group by how many have been waiting more than a month, 2-6 months, 6-12months, 1-year etc?

The delay was 31 days on 19 July 2024

5. What is the longest length of delayed discharge, of the patients from question 3, due to a lack of housing or in need of housing adaptations?

31 days

6. What is the average length of delayed discharge, of the patients from questions 3, due to a lack of housing or in need of housing adaptations?

31 days