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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding acute adult psychiatric inpatient beds within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

Background Information

The Royal College of Psychiatrists has established a Commission to review the provision of inpatient psychiatric care for adults in England and Northern Ireland in response to concerns about whether there are sufficient acute inpatient psychiatric beds and alternatives to admission available for patients.

As part of this work, the Commission is exploring how many acute adult psychiatric inpatient beds are commissioned – and from whom – by CCGs both within the geographical catchment area of the mental health provider trust footprint that the CCG commissions services from and ‘out-of-area’ from that trust. As well as the numbers of beds, the Commission is also interested in how many patients in those different beds are classed as ‘delayed transfers of care’ (aka DTOCs).

Definitions

- Acute adult inpatient beds provide care with intensive medical and nursing support for patients in periods of acute psychiatric illness. Please note that this request concerns acute inpatient psychiatric beds for working age adults only.
- The NHS definition of a delayed transfer of care is as follows:
A delayed transfer of care from mental healthcare occurs when a patient is ready to depart from such care and is still occupying a bed.
A patient is ready for transfer when:
(1) A clinical decision has been made that patient is ready for transfer
AND
(2) A multi-disciplinary team decision has been made that patient is ready for transfer
AND
(3) The patient is safe to discharge/transfer.

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- An Independent sector provider is a 'for profit' organisation.
- A third sector provider is a 'not for profit'/charitable organisation.

QUESTIONS - PART ONE

1) Which mental health trust does the CCG commission inpatient psychiatric services from?

[Mersey Care NHS Trust](#)

2) If applicable – which other CCGs also commission services from that mental health trust?

[NHS South Sefton CCG](#), [NHS Liverpool CCG](#) and [NHS Knowsley CCG](#)

QUESTIONS - PART TWO

As on the 1st September 2015, within that mental health trust's (answer to question1) geographical boundary:

3) How many acute adult inpatient beds did the CCG commission from NHS providers?

[NHS Southport and Formby CCG commissioned 18 acute inpatient beds plus 1 male PICU bed.](#)

4) How many patients in these beds (answer to Q3) were classified as Delayed Transfers of Care (DTC)?

[NHS Southport and Formby CCG does not hold this information. You may wish to redirect your request to the provider.](#)

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5) How many acute adult inpatient beds did the CCG commission from independent sector providers?

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6) How many patients in these beds (answer to Q5) were classified as Delayed Transfers of Care (DTC)?

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7) How many acute adult inpatient beds did the CCG commission from third sector providers?

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- 8) How many patients in these beds (answer to Q7) were classified as Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC)?

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QUESTIONS - PART THREE

As on the 1st September 2015, outside the mental health trust's (answer to question1) geographical boundary:

- 9) How many out-of-area acute adult inpatient beds did the CCG commission from NHS providers?

[NHS Southport and Formby CCG commissioned 4 out of area beds in September 2015.](#)

- 10) How many patients in these beds (answer to Q9) were classified as Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC)?

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- 11) How many out-of-area acute adult inpatient beds did the CCG commission from independent sector providers?

[NHS Southport and Formby CCG has commissioned 4 out of area acute adult inpatient beds in September 2015.](#)

- 12) How many patients in these beds (answer to Q11) were classified as Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC)?

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- 13) How many out-of-area acute adult inpatient beds did the CCG commission from third sector providers?

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- 14) How many patients in these beds (answer to Q13) were classified as Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC)?

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