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Dear

**Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act**

Thank you for your email of 19<sup>th</sup> November making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

**Request:**

1. The total number of patients cared for during 12 months between 01/11/2016 and 01/11/2017

Emergency

Day Case

Elective

Grand Total

Number of inpatients that developed bed sores, pressure sores or pressure ulcers for the twelve months between: 01/11/2016 and 01/11/2017

Total number of pressure sore incidents by grade, not number of patients, as some patients may develop more than one pressure ulcers between: 01/11/2016 and 01/11/2017

Grade 1

Grade 2

Grade 3

Grade 4

Necrotic

Purple Discoloration

The proportion of these pressure sores that were new, and had therefore occurred since admission to hospital.

The number of patients admitted from residential or nursing homes with pressure sores.

The number of death certificates in this period on which pressure sores were mentioned

Response:

1. Grand Total - 2793 patients were admitted as inpatients to either mental health or community health hospital wards during this time
2. 76 inpatients developed pressure ulcers in this time
3. Data provided for number of pressure ulcers developed in inpatient wards in this timeframe, as in question 2:

Grade 1 - 10

Grade 2 - 67

Grade 3 - 2

Grade 4 - 3

(data not available for other categories)

4. Data provided above is for those that were developed only, rather than inherited (wording of question 2 not clear on this)
5. Data not available.
6. The Trust only receives the medical cause of death for those deaths which are reviewed by the Coroner and where the Trust is an interested party. There have been 0 cases where pressure damage has been identified as a medical cause of death in the period specified.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a 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 complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Information Governance