

Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I have the following questions about the support offered to homeless patients who attend your organisation.

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

Patient Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Inpatient	73	133	136	106	448
Outpatient	65	183	168	120	536
Emergency Department	327	617	551	583	2,078
Grand Total	465	933	855	809	3,062

- 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) **DBTH does have a documented pathway for supporting homeless patients.**
 b) **We do not have a resident housing officer, but we do have regular meetings with partner agencies relevant to people with housing issues.**
 c) **We do have a supply of clothing and footwear specifically for this category of patients.**

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

There has been nine referrals to a local housing authority since 1st October 2018.

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

All housing issues are referred to the Integrated Discharge Team as soon as a problem is identified, thus ensuring that progress is made at the earliest opportunity.