

FOI REF: 24/706

5th November 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- 1) **How many people over the age of 65 were admitted to your hospital(s) as an unplanned (emergency) admission who were usually resident in a care home or a nursing home. Please break down by years and if possible whether it was a care home or a nursing home.**

2021	4044
2022	3459
2023	3126
2024	1746
Total	12375

Please note that care homes and nursing homes cannot be split so are both included in the figures shown above. This information is also reliant on the patient providing the Trust with their most recent address as the Trust does not always get informed when a patient changes address.

- 2a) **Of those people from Q1 how many safeguarding reports were made about concerns around the patients welfare? ie abuse or neglect? Please breakdown by years and if possible breakdown the type of safeguarding referral by category ie abuse, neglect.**

Under Section 1 (1) (a) East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust would advise the information as requested is not held.

Under Section 16 – Advice & Guidance:
East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust would advise that, in order to obtain the information you are requesting, we suggest you contact East Sussex County Council Safeguarding at:

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- 2b) Of those people from Q1 how many were recorded as either malnourished or dehydrated. (not necessarily their primary reason for being admitted). Please break down by years and if possible whether they were malnourished or dehydrated or both.

Year	Sum of Dehydrated	Sum of Malnourished	Sum of Both*
2021	468	9	5
2022	511	8	3
2023	457	8	3
2024	253	1	0
Total	1689	26	11

*Please note that 'Sum of Both' includes those already counted as Dehydrated and those already counted as Malnourished.

- 3) Of those people from Q2 how many were recorded as being admitted due to being malnourished or dehydrated (their primary reason for being admitted). Please break down by years and if possible whether they were malnourished or dehydrated or both.

Please note that, as only one diagnosis can be recorded as the primary one for the primary episode of care, the Trust has added a split (in the second table below) for where the diagnosis is made at any point in the patient's primary episode of care.

Year	Sum of Dehydrated	Sum of Malnourished
2021	16	1
2022	19	0
2023	16	1
2024	9	0
Total	60	2

The figures in the table above are for patients who had a diagnosis of 'Dehydrated' or 'Malnourished' as their primary diagnosis in their primary episode of care.

Year	Sum of Dehydrated	Sum of Malnourished	Sum of Both*
2021	408	6	3
2022	447	5	2
2023	404	5	2
2024	219	1	0
Total	1478	17	7

The figures in the table above are for patients who had a diagnosis of 'Dehydrated' or 'Malnourished' at any point in their primary episode of care.

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*Please note that 'Sum of Both' includes those already counted as Dehydrated and those already counted as Malnourished.

- 4) Of those people from Q2 (recorded as dehydrated or malnourished) how many safeguarding concerns were made about the patient? Please break down by years.**

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If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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