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Subject: Self-discharge from hospital

REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. An electronic copy of any **policies, procedures or guidelines** within the trust regarding or relating to patient discharge from hospital: specifically -
 - a. Patient self-discharge from hospital
 - b. Discharge against medical advice
 - c. Missing/Absconded patients

Please see attached

2. Your most recent statistics regarding 30-day readmission rates of patients who have self-discharged/ discharged against medical advice.

My area of specific interest is emergency care and acute medicine wards.

The information provided below is the Trusts 30-day readmission rates from the dates of 01/05/2020 to 01/11/2020 for patients who were:

1. Admitted in an emergency (on the original spell/admission)
2. Chose to self-discharge/discharge against medical advice.

For patients who were admitted originally as an emergency admission and chose to discharge themselves, the numbers who were readmitted as an emergency admission within 30 days following their previous discharge is below:

Discharge month	No. readmitted	No. discharged
May 20	24	75
June 20	27	112
July 20	23	84
Aug 20	20	108
Sep 20	26	90
Oct 20	16	85

Please note:

Readmission date parameters are calculated based on the discharge period, so to ensure that all readmissions have been identified, there is always a time lag in the provision of readmission data. For the purpose of this FOI, patients discharged up to 31st October 2020 have been provided.