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Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

You asked

Please can you provide me with the number of patients that left the Trust's waiting list in each of the last five financial years (please see table below).

Please provide the overall total of patients who left the waiting list, and where possible supply breakdown figures according to reason (please see table below).

Our reply

Please find completed table supplied. We have provided a further table in accordance with section 16 – Advice and assistance. Additionally note that changes in our recording arrangements can result in increasing and decreasing figures during the specified period.

Financial Year	Total number of patients who left the waiting list	Number of patients who died while on waiting list	Number of patients who no longer needed treatment (e.g. symptoms improved)	Number of patients leaving list to seek private treatment
2011/12	Not held	Not held	Not held	Not held
2012/13	Please refer to the table below	783. Please do not conclude that the figure provided means that the patient's death resulted from being on a waiting list.	The Trust does not record this information. Please refer to the table below for a breakdown of removal reasons as recorded.	264

2013/14	Please refer to the table below	758 Please do not conclude that the figure provided means that the patient's death resulted from being on a waiting list.		280
2014/15	Please refer to the table below	738 Please do not conclude that the figure provided means that the patient's death resulted from being on a waiting list.		240
2015/16	Please refer to the table below	766 Please do not conclude that the figure provided means that the patient's death resulted from		259

		being on a waiting list.		
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Table two: additional advice

Removal reason	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15	FY 15-16
Treatment complete	4208	18350	62360	48733
Not specified	55069	42193	125	91
Patient no longer requires treatment	4309	4418	4464	4023
Outpatient attendance	3511	3045	3148	3558
Investigation complete	Five or fewer	Five or fewer	103	11816
Consultant request	1509	2368	2989	4050
Patient removed for other reasons	2680	2293	2291	2124
Patient did not attend appointment	1016	819	2160	4799
Previous error	1711	1799	2227	2189
Patient request	1431	1526	1706	1914
Patient did not respond	2338	1196	1055	1301
Unsuitable for treatment	1582	1401	1395	1416
Patient did not respond following invite letter	-	1570	1942	1180
Patient moved to another provider	977	657	796	1136
Patient admitted electively	1414	909	561	442
Patient transferred to active list	Five or fewer	258	860	2034

Patient died	783	758	738	766
Patient refuses treatment	469	468	529	593
Moved to day case	192	375	618	455
Admitted as emergency for same condition	352	331	400	444
Patient unavailable within 6 weeks	296	393	481	330
Private treatment	264	280	240	259
Patient moved to another Directorate within the Provider	111	117	143	173
Patient unavailable within 4 weeks	142	173	145	79
GP request	56	61	45	75
Moved to Treatment Centre	-	-	201	10
No service available	47	36	7	20
Casualty / Emergency Department attendance	19	15	29	31
Ministry of Defence commitment	64	16	-	-
External assessment	7	15	17	26
Imaging complete	13	9	18	20
Moved - No trace	11	14	11	11
Seen by Palliative Care Team	Five or fewer	Five or fewer	Five or fewer	Five or fewer
Totals greater than	>84,581	>85,863	>91,804	>94,098

Legal notes

Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b) unless otherwise specified.

Please find the answers to your questions noting that we have redacted the data set where numbers are five or fewer. This avoids a breach of the first two Data Protection Act principles. This is in accordance with section 40.-(2)(a) and (b) by

virtue of section 40.-(3)(a)(i), the personal information exemption as described in the Freedom of Information Act. A detailed rationale is provided in the attached document L3.

Attachments included: Yes – L3