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Dear Requestor

**Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

On 1 May 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to regarding support for homeless patients. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

***Signature Removed***

**Paddy Baker**

Data Protection Officer

NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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**Q1:**

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

**Response:**

NHS Dorset CCG do not hold this information; you may be able to source this information from our Acute providers and Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust via their Freedom of Information teams as follows:

- The Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust on [foi@rbch.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@rbch.nhs.uk)
- Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust on [foi.requests@poole.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.requests@poole.nhs.uk)
- Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust on [FOI@dchft.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@dchft.nhs.uk)
- Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust on [foi.enquiries@dhuft.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@dhuft.nhs.uk)

**Q2:**

Do services in 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.

**Response:**

NHS Dorset CCG does not have a documented pathway for homeless patients, a housing officer or a supply of clean clothes to offer to homeless patients.

**Q3:**

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

**Response:**

NHS Dorset CCG does not hold this information. As a commissioning organisation we do not provide clinical services so therefore do not make referrals.

**Q4:**

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

**Response:**

The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 places a statutory duty on hospital trusts, NHS walk-in centers and Accident and Emergency departments. NHS Dorset CCG does not manage any such facilities. Please refer to Q1 for information on where to source this data.