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Thank you for your request concerning Elizabeth Court, Graveley Road, Stevenage SG1 4YS

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1) How long was the hospital open before it closed in 2018?

We do not hold this information¹. However, our records go back to the year 2000.

2) During the time the hospital was open how many user (patients) lost their Continuous Health Care entitlement?

Over the 18 years, our records show 12 patients lost their Continuing Healthcare status.

3) Of those that lost their entitlement how many users (patients) were financially assessed?

We do not hold this information¹. [Hertfordshire County Council](#) were responsible for conducting these assessments.

4) Of those that lost their entitlement and were financially assessed how many users (patients) were moved out of Elizabeth Court?

Of the 12 patients who lost their Continuing Healthcare status, 10 were discharged.

5) How many users that lost their entitlement were allowed to stay at Elizabeth Court until end of life?

The Trust considers that entries of 5 or less are sufficiently small enough to be potentially identifiable personal data. On this basis, the information is exempt from the duty to publish².

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

² Section 41 – Disclosure would constitute an actionable breach of confidentiality.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

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Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

