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Thank you for your further request concerning continuing health care 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.

With reference to your letter of 9th November 2018 I would appreciate your response to the following points.

I have listed them in number sequence based on my letter of 12th October 2018

- 2) Can you please provide me with the names of the 12 patients who lost their Continuing Healthcare status, how long they were at Elizabeth Court (dates). The two that remained, why were they not discharged?**

We consider the disclosure of patient's names, length of stay and reasons for discharge to be the personal data of third parties. We have therefore applied Section 40(2) under the FOI Act 2000 to this question because disclosure would not be lawful and therefore unfair to those patients.

- 4) Of the 12 patients who lost their Continuing Healthcare status and were then discharged I would appreciate the name of the patients.**

We have again applied Section 40(2) of the FOIA to the release of patient's names as outlined above.

- 5) Are you saying that less than 5 people who lost their Continuing Healthcare status were allowed to stay until end of life? Again, I would appreciate the names. I believe the figure to be higher. Can you please advise who supplied you with this data and figures?**

Yes, a number of patients who lost their Continuing Healthcare status were allowed to stay until end of life.

We did not release the number of patients whose entitlement to continuing health care status was removed but then allowed to stay at Elizabeth Court until end of life because numbers between 1 and 5 are considered to be low enough to potentially identify an individual. As explained above under Section 40(2) a Trust must consider whether disclosure of information would breach the data protection principles, in this case the risk was deemed to be high.

Please see the answer to question 4 regarding patients' names.

The information released under FOI 3077 was obtained through our Electronic Patient Record system.

In addition please advise the practice the hospital adopted for beds for life since opening and when it closed.

There was a cohort of service users who had bed for life status at the Elizabeth Court. All service users' needs are assessed against the National Framework for Continuing Healthcare and awarded/reviewed accordingly.

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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Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

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