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Reference: 2014-163

Dear Mr Syed

Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act 2000

Following your request for information we received on the 2 December 2014, we are providing you with access to the recorded information held by Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust in answer to your enquiry.

You requested the following information:

“I understand it there is no longer even ONE available disability accessible bed in the Trust now as Rosewood ward was closed for refurbishment.

So please explain what has happened with women with disability needing admission during refurbishment?”

Whilst Rosewood ward was closed for 3 weeks (2nd November 2014 – 24th November 2014) for the programme to improve patient safety, with specific changes to the environment to reduce the risk of ligatures, all of the patients were temporarily re-located to Laffan ward. This was a planned arrangement and risk assessments, including any need for patients with disabilities were conducted prior to transfer.

I can confirm that Laffan Ward, which is also at the Huntely Centre on the St Pancras Hospital site has a bedroom with en suite provision which is suitable for individuals that may have a disability.

“Is the Trust aware of any women who have had to self-fund urgent crisis care or admission themselves either in the UK or outside the UK because there has been no accessible ward accommodation available?”

I can confirm that the Trust is not aware of any women who had to self-fund urgent crisis care or admit themselves either in the UK or outside the UK due to no accessible ward accommodation.

Please accept my apology on behalf of the Trust for the delay in responding.

Chair: Leisha Fullick
Chief Executive: Wendy Wallace

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I do hope you are satisfied with the way in which your response was handled, if not you may request an internal review at the above email address within 28 days of this letter. When contacting the Trust please use the above reference that is unique to your request.

If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner' Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF and on the Information Centre's website. www.ico.gov.uk/

Yours sincerely

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