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Dear [REDACTED]

### **Request for Information**

I write further to your request FOI ID 33031 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

NHS Discharge Medicine Service

Your request is set out below:

- 1) When did your trust begin referring patients through the NHS DMS?

**KMPT started referring patients through NHS DMS in November 2021.**

- 2) How many patients has your trust referred to community pharmacies through the DMS between 15 February 2021 and 14 July 2022?

**Admission notifications during this period: - 157**

**Discharge notifications during this period: - 84**

- 3) According to [national guidance for operating the DMS](#), trusts are responsible for developing their own eligibility criteria for patients referred through the service that meet “local population needs” (see page 13). Please could you supply a copy of your trust’s eligibility criteria for referring patients through the DMS?

**KMPT’s eligibility criteria is that it will be offered to those patients who are discharged from younger or older adult acute inpatient wards who are: -**

- Prescribed lithium or clozapine on discharge
- Prescribed medication requires follow-up, e.g. blood monitoring, dose titration.
- Prescribed medicines that have potential to cause dependence (e.g. benzodiazepines, methadone).
- Prescribed 4 or more medicines
- Supplied with a Monitored Dosage System (MDS)

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Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati  
Chief Executive – Helen Greatorex

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

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Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of  
The Information Governance Department