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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 request: NHS Funded Barnet Rehabilitation**

With reference to your request for information, dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016, made under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to inform you of the outcome of your information request.

**You asked the following:**

1. *Following referral from an acute-treatment hospital for rehabilitation, does the NHS fund residence of up to 6 weeks at Barnet rehabilitation centers?*
2. *How does this manifest itself if the patient is discharged home after a stay of only 2 to 3 weeks?*
3. *What level of consultation and discussion is expected to be provided to patients and their relatives on a discharge date? What if there is disagreement?*
4. *Does this period (the 2 to 3 weeks residence as the usual residence period) take account of no therapy input during the weekends?*
5. *Is any remaining balance of the NHS-funded 6 week period made up by support (such as nursing care, physio, OT) at home?*
6. *Who would fund any OT-recommended physical adjustments in the home, such as rails, up to and including a level access wet room?*
7. *At what stage would Barnet Social Services get involved in funding any further care and home adjustments, and whether these would be means-assessed?*

**Our response:**

Patients are treated on their individual need and the below responses do not refer to specific patients.

1. *NHS Funds this where a patient has been referred and accepted by the centre. All care provided will be assessed according to need and could be up to 6 weeks if this is what is required. Please note that it does not mean that every patient will need or receive the full 6 weeks of care. The length of stay depends on individual patient rehab goals and is on average 3 weeks.*
2. *As above, care will be provided for the appropriate length of time based on need.*
3. *The patient will be discharged from rehabilitation as soon as they no longer require an inpatient rehabilitation service. The discharge date is set by the clinical multidisciplinary team following assessment of the patients need, goals, progress and participation in rehabilitation. The patient is advised of the proposed discharge date at the earliest opportunity and relatives are advised where the patient permits.*
4. *The current service operates Monday to Friday only in most instances.*

5. *There is no set 6 week fund. Patients are discharged when they no longer require inpatient rehab but they may still have rehab goals which can be achieved as an outpatient either in home or clinic. If the patient is discharged from a ward to home then ongoing care needs are re-assessed as part of this transition and if necessary additional nursing, physiotherapy and OT support is put in place.*
6. *Home circumstances are assessed by the OT and Social Services and would depend on circumstances. Essential equipment when identified as a need, such as rails are funded through med quip on behalf of the NHS. OT are usually able to recommend suitable aids in terms of patients bathing. Major adaptations such as wet rooms would be Local Authority funded. Other items could be subject to self-funding, Local Authority funding or NHS funding.*
7. *Barnet Social Services work integrally with the rehab teams and meet weekly as part of the multidisciplinary team. The clinical team refers to social services where necessary to assess for care support or adjustments in preparation for discharge. Means assessment would be carried out; however further details about means testing would need to be sourced from local authority.*

This completes our response to your request for information. If you are unhappy with our response, please write to us giving your reasons and we will address them. If you remain dissatisfied you are entitled to appeal to the Information Commissioner:

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Yours sincerely,

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