

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.111
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Thank you for your email received 21 July 2022 requesting information regarding the NHS discharge medicine service (DMS).

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

Under the freedom of information act 2000, I am requesting the following information on the NHS discharge medicine service (DMS), which became a nationally commissioned service on 15 February 2021.

- 1) *When did your trust begin referring patients through the NHS DMS?***
- 2) *How many patients has your trust referred to community pharmacies through the DMS between 15 February 2021 and 14 July 2022?***
 - a. *How many patients has your trust discharged in total within this timeframe?***
- 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?***

The Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust does not currently use the NHS discharge medicines service; therefore we do not hold information pertinent to your request.

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