

Mental health and accommodation meeting - 15th November 2013

Melanie

In advance of Friday's next meeting, we have some further information for you, which we can amplify on Friday.

- In terms of accommodation that we commission, we estimate we will spend around £170,000 this year on hostel / B & B type accommodation for patients clinically able to be discharged from our wards but where the patient does not have access to accommodation. This figure is for all three boroughs, we do not have a figure for Haringey easily available. Although this figure is relatively small, as discussed at the first meeting, in addition, we are currently incurring costs of patients in both our Recovery Houses and the wards who are staying longer than is clinically necessary.
- Recovery Houses are £115 per night.
- We discussed the idea raised by the Panel of the Trust paying the rent of patients on one of our wards who cannot be discharged home and who, for whatever reason, have rent arrears etc. The Trust is not able to fund this directly and we do not believe that any NHS Trusts are able to do this. However, in reality we are helping such patients already, through the provision of B & B type accommodation, if appropriate and necessary.

I hope this is helpful in advance of Friday's meeting. We look forward to continuing the discussions, which have been helpful.

With best wishes

Andrew

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