



## FOI 3007

Date 15/04/2024

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

- 1. I would be grateful if you could tell me how many referrals were made by hospital staff to Bedford Borough Council through the 'Duty to Refer' process in 2023.**
- 2. Additionally, how many of those referrals were made for patients who were discharged without an offer of accommodation from Bedford Borough Council?**

Answer:

There were no patients during 2023 which we referred via Bedford Borough's Duty to Refer pathway.

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Yours sincerely,

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