

Correspondence from the Public Audit Committee to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, dated 12 May 2014

Thank you for your email of 6 May in which you correct your evidence¹ from 2 April that NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHS GGC) collects data on where older people are discharged to when leaving hospital. You confirm that NHS GGC does not hold data on discharge from hospital directly to care homes.

In your evidence to the Committee you were clear that this evidence was held. It would be helpful if you could provide an indication of what led you to believe this information was held when you gave evidence. More generally I would be grateful if you could summarise what information, if any, is held by NHS GGC on the destinations of older people upon discharge from an acute hospital. At the moment, as I understand it, the NHS is responsible for the financing of those with continuing care needs who are discharged to a care home. Do you have figures on how many people are in this category and how much is spent on this? If not, who is responsible for collating this information?

An early response to this letter would be helpful. Our normal practice is to publish relevant evidence that is sent to us on our website and we may also include it in the hard copy of any committee report. Further information on the publication of written submissions is set out on the Parliament's website at: <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/help/31037.aspx>

Should you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact Jane Williams, the Clerk to the Committee, whose contact details are provided above.

Yours sincerely

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¹ Public Audit Committee, Official report, Col 2249