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Our Ref: FOI/05279

Dear

Thank you for your request for information.

### **Your Request & Our Response**

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?	<b>Our Trust have been referring patients to community pharmacy since 2015.</b>
2) How many patients has your trust referred to community pharmacies through the DMS between 15 February 2021 and 14 July 2022?	<b>96</b>
a. The number of inpatients that your trust has discharged between 5 February 2021 and 14 July 2022 (except daycases and maternity patients)	<b>71421</b>
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?	<b>Our Trust do not have an eligibility criteria document.</b>

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Chairman: Steve Fogg

Chief Executive: Trish Armstrong-Child

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The Information Governance Manager  
Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
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Email: [bfwh.pso@nhs.net](mailto:bfwh.pso@nhs.net) Requests for a review must be received within 40 working days following the initial response.

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Yours Sincerely,