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Richard,

I am attaching a new spreadsheet that reflects the decision to drop the MH + MI specialties and has an improved layout (the 'Deaths' and 'Others' discharge method categories are now split into two sets of columns and there is a final column giving the percentage ratio). The new spreadsheet covers all ten years (there's a separate worksheet for each) and shows that there are approximately 75,000 records per annum within the selected group (i.e three quarters of a million over the full ten year period).

I have not taken any action yet on the data extract because, as the spreadsheet shows, the full five character hospital code does not appear to offer the desired differentiation for Portsmouth. While on the subject, have you been able to obtain any information from the hospital regarding their coding practice?

Please let me know ASAP how you wish to proceed, and whether you are now aware of any mechanism for isolating the Gosport records.

(See attached file: Gosport Composite.xls)

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