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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to delayed transfers of care.

What is the longest amount of time in days a patient had been kept in hospital due to delayed transfer in the past 12 months?

Could you give me details for the three longest delayed transfer stays, the name of the hospital concerned and if possible the age and gender of the patients concerned and the department they were in (i.e. elderly care/general surgery, paediatrics etc.)?

Are you also able to give a brief reason for the delay in each instance (i.e. lack of beds in care facility/delay equipping home etc.)?

In the year 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017, the longest delay due to delayed transfer of care within the Trust was 143 days.

Details of the three longest delayed transfer stays are shown below:

1. 143 days at Tunbridge Wells Hospital
Geriatric specialty
Reason: Awaiting nursing home placement or availability
2. 115 days at Tunbridge Wells Hospital
Gastroenterology specialty
Reason: Awaiting residential home placement or
3. 105 days at Tunbridge Wells Hospital
Geriatric specialty
Reason: Awaiting nursing home placement or availability

Due to the very small number of cases and in order to protect patient confidentiality the Trust has decided that the age and gender of patient concerned be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998.