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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 discharges.

For the financial year 16/17 how many people were classed as bed-blocking; who was responsible for delayed discharges and over the length of time they were bed blocking by weeks. A simple table showing councils/relevant body holding up the discharge down the side and weeks along the top and number of patients in the data will suffice.

Please note:

- 1) The count is of patient spells: if one patient had two spells in hospital and was discharged within 2016/2017 for both of them, then they would be counted twice in the above table.
- 2) A delay of 0 weeks means 1-6 days, 1 week means 7-13 days and so on.
- 3) Delayed transfers in all the categories have been included:
- A. Awaiting completion of assessment
- B. Awaiting public funding
- C. Awaiting further non-acute (including community and mental health) NHS care (including intermediate care, rehabilitation services etc)
- D i). Awaiting residential home placement or availability
- D ii). Awaiting nursing home placement or availability
- E. Awaiting care package in own home
- F. Awaiting community equipment and adaptations
- G. Patient or Family choice
- H. Disputes
- I. Housing patients not covered by Care Act

Delayed Transfer of Care Patients Discharged Between 1/4/2016 and 31/3/2017

Local Authority	Whole Weeks Delayed																
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	Grand Total
Bexley			1	_			_		_								1
Bromley	2											1					3
Buckinghamshire				1													1
Devon	1																1
Durham	1																1
East Sussex	68	30	14	7	4	2	1	1			1					1	129
Essex	1																1
Hampshire		1															1
Hertfordshire	1																1
Kensington & Chelsea	1																1
Kent	459	208	115	60	32	18	11	5	3	4	1	1	2	1	1		921
Medway	3	2		1													6
Southwark											1						1
Surrey					1												1
West Sussex	1		1	1		1											4
Westminster	1											1					2
Grand Total	539	241	131	70	37	21	12	6	3	4	3	3	2	1	1	1	1075