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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.

You asked:

Are you able to let me know the number of bed days lost because medically fit patients are waiting for placements in care homes? If you have this data for the most current reporting period that would be useful.

I'm not sure if the data includes the number of patients who are medically fit but need accommodation due to dementia. Would that data include the average length of delay for dementia patients or just all patients?

Trust response:

- 1) Please see below Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust's reported bed days lost due to Delayed Transfer of Care (DTC) for the last six months for the requested categories of 'awaiting placements in care homes'.

Bed Days Lost due to Delayed Transfers of Care								
Delay Reason	Delay Reason Description	2018-11	2018-12	2019-01	2019-02	2019-03	2019-04	TOTAL from Nov 2018 to April 2019
Di	Awaiting Residential Home	117	68	46	76	122	140	569
Dii	Awaiting Nursing Home	189	144	140	116	190	178	957
Total		306	212	186	192	312	318	1526

This could include delays for patients who need accommodation due to dementia the Trust does not store that reason electronically alongside our Delayed Transfer of Care data and are unable to provide exact figures.

2) The number of individual patients with a delayed transfer of care because they were waiting for a care home (i.e. reason Di or Dii) in the period 01/11/2018 to 30/04/2019 is 175.

Therefore the average number of bed days lost per patient for these reasons alone is $1526/175 = 8.7$. Please note that this is not necessarily the same as the average length of delay experienced by a patient.

A patient might wait 8 days specifically for a care home but their overall delay could be longer if you include assessment time or the time relatives might need in order to choose the right care home.