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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:*

- 1) the total number of patients in hospital on 30 November whose discharge was delayed because they were awaiting residential home placement or availability, awaiting nursing home placement or availability, or awaiting a care package in their own home.*
- 2) For each of the last 12 months (starting with November 2020 and ending with November 2021), can you please provide the number of hospital patients whose discharge was delayed because they were awaiting residential home placement or availability, awaiting nursing home placement or availability, or awaiting a care package in their own home.*

**Trust response:**

The Trust stopped collecting this information electronically when the national reporting of delayed transfers statistics was suspended. Any information held relating to this will not be in a reportable format.

It may be possible that this information has been entered into a patients record but in order to confirm this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing your request further.