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Date: 2.6.25

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. Number of Delayed Discharges -

Please provide the number of delayed discharges from inpatient wards recorded by your Trust during the following periods (with data broken down by year):

- 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024
- 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023
- 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

2. Time Spent in Hospital Post Discharge Readiness -

Please provide the total amount of time (using your Trust's default time measurement) that delayed discharge patients remained in hospital after being deemed ready for transfer, during the following periods:

- 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024
- 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023
- 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

Questions 1 and 2 – Information can be found via the NHS England site [Statistics » Acute discharge situation report](#)

The acute discharge situation report and discharge ready date will provide the information requested

Statistics
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Discharge Delays
Acute discharge situation report
Discharge ready date
Other discharge collections

3. Average Daily Cost of Hospital Stay -

What is the average cost per day to your Trust of a patient staying in hospital, excluding any costs related to their specific medical condition (e.g. basic costs for bed, food, and general care)?

- **we cannot split out costs for their specific medical care but the average cost of an overnight bed stay is £887**

4. Plans to Reduce Delayed Discharges -

Does your Trust currently have a plan in place to reduce the delayed discharge of patients in the future? If so, could you please provide details of this plan?

- **The Trust is actively progressing a range of initiatives to support the reduction of delayed discharges, in alignment with NHS England's *Criteria to Reside* and the *Discharge Ready Date* framework.**

Key headlines of ongoing work include:

- **Development of a Transfer of Care Hub: A central coordination function to streamline discharge planning and improve interface working across health and social care partners.**
- **Implementation of the REACCT Model at the Front Door: Embedding a multidisciplinary approach at the point of admission to support early decision-making and appropriate streaming to community or acute pathways.**

Review and Optimisation of Ward-Based Processes: Aligning practice with the national SAFER patient flow bundle to enhance discharge planning, reduce unnecessary length of stay, and improve flow through the hospital

5. Patient Discharge Policy -

Please send a copy of your Trust's current *Patient Discharge Policy*.

– **Please see attached. Links to the Trust's intranet are not accessible outside of Trust devices.**

For a copy of the discharge policy please contact dgft.foi@nhs.net quoting reference number FOI-052025-0001583

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team
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