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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/012084

With reference to your FOI request in connection with 'Delayed transfers', please see response below.

1. What's the longest number of days a current patient's transfer of care has been delayed by?

The longest number of days a current patient's transfer of care has been delayed today (30/01/15) is 53 days.

2. What is the estimated cost of delayed transfers of care to your trust each year for the past 5 calendar years* (before any reimbursement from local authorities)?

The estimated cost of delayed transfers of care for each of the past 5 years is:

	Number of days delay	Average cost of hospital bed per day	Cost per year
2014	9584	£276.86	£2653426.24
2013	6544	£276.86	£1811771.84
2012	5837	£276.86	£1616031.82
2011	5258	£276.86	£1455729.88
2010	8588	£276.86	£2377673.68

The above figures have been calculated using SITREP Delayed Transfer of Care figures submitted by The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust. n.b. The average cost of hospital bed stay is accurate as of today but has been applied to all of previous 5 years when the cost could have been different.

3. How many patients experienced delayed transfers of care in each of the past 5 calendar years*?

The number of patients who experienced delayed transfers of care in each of the 5 calendar years are:

	Number of patient's delayed
2014	415
2013	296
2012	202
2011	233
2010	416

4. What is the mean average number of patients experiencing delayed discharge each day within your trust? Please use the past 12 months as a timeframe.

The mean average number of patients experiencing delayed transfers of care each day is **78**. This figure was calculated using our in-house monitoring system and not calculated according to SITREP Delayed Transfer of Care process.

5. Has the trust ever taken legal action to remove a patient whose transfer of care was delayed? If so please provide details of when and the reason for delay in transfer of care.

No, The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust has not taken legal action to remove a patient. We have consulted our lawyers for advice only.

6. Does the trust plan to consider legal action to remove a patient if necessary in the future? If so please tell me when this was discussed in meetings or became policy.

***Including 2014. As the 20 working days takes us into January 2015, please provide entire 2014 calendar year figures.**