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Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

**Question 1:** The total number of bed days lost due to discharge delays despite a person being medically fit to be discharged in each of the financial years a) 2019/20, b) 2020/21, c) 2021/22, d) 2022/23, e) 2023/24, f) 2024/25

**Information not available for 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 due to changes to the Discharge Delay information that we collect**

**2022/2023 – 16427**

**2023/2024 – 18175**

**2024/2025 – 16899**

**Question 2:** In relation to the question 1, the total number and proportion of these bed days lost despite a person being medically fit to be discharged due to not enough adult social care capacity in each of the financial years a) 2019/20, b) 2020/21, c) 2021/22, d) 2022/23, e) 2023/24, f) 2024/25

**Unable to provide information prior to June 2024 as there were no discharge delay reasons which specifically mention social care (from June 2024 I have included patients delayed for ‘Capacity - Awaiting restart of existing social care arrangements’, ‘Capacity - Other home-based social care service not yet available’ and ‘Interface process - Other home-based social care service arrangements still underway’)**

**June 2024/2025 – 953 bed days lost which equates to 5.64% of total lost bed days**

**Question 3:** In relation to question 1, the total cost and cost per bed day lost as a patient who was medically fit to be discharged could not be discharged due to a lack of adult social care capacity in each of the financial years a) 2019/20, b) 2020/21, c) 2021/22, d) 2022/23, e) 2023/24, f) 2024/25

**- In 2024/25 the cost of the delayed days caused by social care was £416,569. There were 637 days delayed because of social care. This gives an average cost per delayed day of £654.**

**Unable to provide information prior to June 2024, see response to question 2**

**Question 4:** In relation to question 1, the longest time a patient has spent in one of your Trusts hospital beds despite being medically fit to be discharged but could not be discharged due to a lack of adult social care capacity in the financial year 2024/25

**- 100 days**

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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