Dear

Thank you for your request regarding information regarding psychiatric inpatient discharge delay, your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1. **Over the past five years (2012-2015 and January 1st – September 30th 2016) how many psychiatric inpatients have experienced delays to their discharge from hospital?**
   
   Please give the breakdown per calendar year and, if you deal with adult and children’s services, please also give the breakdown for over 18s and under 18s.

   The information you are requesting for financial year 2012/13 to 2015/16 is already in the public domain\(^1\). Please follow this [link](#) for the information you require.

2. **Please give a list of reasons for the delays and the corresponding number of patients affected by that reason.**

   The list of reasons for delays and number of patients affected is also in the public domain\(^1\). Please follow the link provided under question 1.

3. **If possible, please also give the total number of days delayed per year, because of each reason. e.g. In Devon in 2015, 67 patients experienced delays to their discharge because of public funding and the total number of days delayed because of this reason, was 1,948**

   The total number of days delayed per year is also in the public domain\(^1\). Please follow the link provided under question 1.

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\(^1\) Section 21 – information available through other means has been applied

\(^2\) Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled

(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and

(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.
4. How much did these delays cost the trust? Please give the cost per year and explain how this figure was worked out, e.g. it may cost the trust £100/day for an inpatient bed.

I have made enquires with our finance & performance department, and we do not record information on the cost of inpatient beds due to delays, so we are unable to provide this breakdown.

Please be advised that the FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held or exist. The FOIA duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust’s complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Farrell

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Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click here.