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Thank you for your request concerning Delayed Residential Home Placement.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

- 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.**

Please see attached spreadsheet.

Due to the small numbers of service users in some services being delayed we have applied Exemption Section 40(2)<sup>1</sup>. This is because entries of 5 or less are considered sufficiently small enough to be potentially identifiable data. On this basis, this information is exempt from the duty to publish.

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

*Sue Smith*

**Sue Smith**  
**Information Rights Officer**

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](#).



<sup>1</sup> Section 40(2) - Personal Data has been applied. This is because by releasing this information could identify individual(s) and constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act (2018).