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> > Our Ref: FOI/04632

thank you for your request concerning the cause of delay to inpatients discharge.

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

- 1. The number of inpatients who are currently medically fit to leave hospital in your area, but still reside there.
- 2. Please provide this as a series of data points for the last calendar year and the year to date, broken down by day. For each day, please break the data into further categories which detail the reason behind the delayed discharge.

Please see attached spreadsheet as request.

We are unable to provide you with a daily breakdown of delayed transfer of care due to small numbers and have applied Exemption Section 40(2). 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.

However, under Section 16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance we have provided you with data as of the last day of every month from January 2022 to February 2023.

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 <u>here</u>.





