

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DELAYED DISCHARGE WAITS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to delayed discharge waits.

Question:

1. The longest delayed discharge wait for a patient 65 and over for health and social care reasons
2. The longest delayed discharge wait for a patient with dementia for health and social care reasons
3. The number of delayed discharge waits longer than a) six months b) one year, for those 18 and over for health and social care reasons
4. The number of delayed discharge waits longer than a) six months b) one year, for those 65 and over for health and social care reasons
5. The number of delayed discharge waits longer than a) six months b) one year, for those with dementia for health and social care reasons
 - in your health board area for the calendar year 2023.

Answer:

1.	Longest delay cannot be supplied as this is individual patient information and considered to be disclosive. As per Section 38(1)b of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - personal information.
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3.	>187.5 days = 26 >365 days = 7
4.	>187.5 days = 10 >365 days = 5<
5.	>187.5 days = 5< >365 days = 5<
Results are for patients with a relevant delay during the year 2023, however the time in delay is the sum of all relevant delay days over any years but excluding any part of the delay in 2024.	

Notes:-
Delayed Discharge waits are considered to be the sum of all days in delay (under relevant code) for admissions associated with patients who had a delay in 2023 under a relevant code
Delay codes used: 11A,11B,23C,23D,24A,24B,24C,24D,24E,24F,25A,25D,25E,25F,27A,27D (ie excluding X codes)
Age is maximum age during the 2023 delays
Dementia ICD10 codes used: F00,F01,F02,F03,F051
Dementia patients are considered to be those with a dementia code added during the admission - note that patients are coded on discharge so not all patients will be coded yet
187.5 days are used for '6 months' and 365 days are used for '1 year' calculations

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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