



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-627

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Date: 10th January 2025

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 9th December 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Discharged delays

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required clarification
To continue with your request we require clarification what you mean by 'elderly'?

On the same day you replied with:
'Elderly patient age of 65 or more'

We replied via email with the following.

To continue with your request we require clarification the following

There are multiple interpretations of the question:

1. "The number of elderly patients who had a delayed discharge for the period 2022 to 2024".
2. "The number of elderly patients split by the cause for their delay in been discharged for the period 2022 and 2024"

Please clarify from the above what you are referring to.

You replied via email with,

'The number of elderly patients who had a delayed discharge for the period 2022 to 2024 and what factors made the delay in discharged.'

Q1 I am a [REDACTED] I am writing an assignment on the delay discharged. I really appreciate your help if you could provide me the number elderly people stay in hospital cause of delay in there discharged. I would like to have a most recent data from 2022 to 2024.

A1 Information not held. The Trust does not hold historical data on this subject matter as the system that is used to supply information on this subject, Complex Discharge Tracker, does not allow for historical reporting. You may find the following link of assistance.

From November 2022 the national delayed discharge report was stopped and replaced with a new return <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/discharge-delays-acute-data/> . However this is not broken down by age group.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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Yours,





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