

Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-438

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding delayed discharges

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 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.**

A1 Refer to answer 2

**Q2 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.**

**Can you please provide the information in an excel spread sheet if possible, with the information for question 1 in the first column, and the figures for question 2 in the next 12 columns.**

A2 See below:

	30th November 2021	November 2020	December 2020	January 2021	February 2021	March 2021
Number of Patients Delayed Awaiting Residential/Nursing Placements or Care Packages	17	76	48	52	72	66

	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021	November 2021
Number of Patients	57	50	61	109	130	194	196	178

Delayed Awaiting Residential/Nursing Placements or Care Packages								
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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.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust’s FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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