

Delayed Transfer Of Care

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

Please can you tell me the number of inpatients who are currently medically fit to leave hospital in your area, but still reside there. Please include Community Hospitals.

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.

The Trust is unable to respond to this FOI as the information requested is not held by the Trust. No historic data is held to be able to answer this request.

The Trust submits an Acute discharge weekly sitrep which is published nationally and can be found at the bottom of the page here, under Discharge Delays – Web File Timeseries.

[Statistics » Urgent and Emergency Care Daily Situation Reports 2022-23 \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

The Trust does not hold a reason for delay for each patient. To try to provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources/patient records. To carry out this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12 (1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting that information.