Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference   CTHB_391_16

You asked:

Question 1
How many people in all the hospitals within your Local Health Board have died in hospital awaiting the start of a package of local authority social care broken down:
- **As a single overall figure for the 12 months up to the end of September 2016**
- **By month for the 12 months up to the end of September 2016**

And if available:
- **By ICD code primary cause of death**

I can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record this information. The information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record as part of their care. To provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl and significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Question 2

How many people in all the hospitals within your Local Health Board have died in hospital awaiting the start of a package of continuing healthcare broken down by:
- **Those that have been identified as meeting the fast track criteria**
- **Those that have not been identified as meeting the fast track criteria**

As per response to question 1.

Question 3

What is the average time period in your Local Health board in hours/days from the point at which a fast-track CHC application is made to the care package being provided for the 12 month period to the end of September 2016?

Once the application has been received, approval is normally accomplished the same day; however in some circumstances it can take longer to be approved. Approval time is dependent on the quality of the information provided.

Question 4

What is the average time period in hours/days from the point at which a fast-track CHC application is approved to the care package being provided for the 12 month period to the end of September 2016?

We do not centrally record this information. Care packages are usually identified the same day that the application is received; however in some circumstances this can take longer. Approval time is dependent on the quality of the information provided.