

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_130_17

You asked:

What is the longest amount of time in days a patient had been kept in hospital due to delayed transfer in the past 12 months?

287 days.

Could you give me details for the three longest delayed transfer stays, the name of the hospital concerned and if possible the age and sex of the patients concerned and the department they were in (ie elderly care/general surgery, paediatrics etc)?

I can confirm that Cwm Taf University Health Board does hold this information. However, to release the specific detail that you have requested when considered with other information that may also be available in the public domain has the potential risk of identifying individuals, should this information be disclosed.

Therefore, we are withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles set out in Schedules 2 and 3 of the Act. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and does not require the Health Board to consider the public interest test.

In reaching this decision the Data Protection Act (DPA) defines personal data as data which relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information which is in the possession of the data controller.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance I can confirm the three longest delayed transfers of care reported in 2016/17 were:

	Delay 1	Delay 2	Delay 3
Days Delayed	287	268	205

Are you also able to give a brief reason for the delay in each instance (ie lack of beds in care facility/delay equipping home etc)?

Please see brief reason for delays provided below:

- Protection related issues

- Continuing NHS Health Care related issues
- Community Care Assessment

Additional information relating to delayed transfers of care can be found via the Welsh Government Website:

<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/NHS-Performance/Delayed-Transfers-of-Care>