

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_326_22

You asked:

I write regarding a Freedom of Information request on Delayed Transfers of Care and would be grateful if you could let me know the following information:

1. In the last 12 months, the number of delayed transfers of care in your Local Health Board, broken down by month;
2. The longest delayed transfer of care you currently have (as at 31 August 2022), and the amount of time the patient has been waiting;
3. In the last 12 months, the number of patients who have been recorded as waiting over a month to leave hospital, broken down by month; and
4. In the last 12 months, the average delay in hospital discharge to a social care setting.

Our response:

The Welsh Government guidelines for DTOC (Delayed Transfers of Care) reporting is that they are monitored and submitted on a census date (the 3rd Wednesday of the month). However, at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Welsh Government suspended delayed transfers of care (DTOC) reporting requirements. The mandated reporting of DTOC figures has not yet been reinstated and there is currently no central data available for the timeframe specified.

The detailed information that you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record as part of their ongoing 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.