

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_13_22

You asked:

There are times when a hospital inpatient who has been deemed to lack capacity for discharge decisions does not wish to move to a placement in a residential or nursing home despite evidence that this is required for their ongoing safety and wellbeing. In some instances, it is deemed necessary to ask the Court of Protection to authorise the lawful placement of these individuals against their expressed wishes.

I would like to find out an answer to the following question:

"Excluding psychiatric inpatient units, how many current inpatients across your Health Board sites have been identified as requiring the Court of Protection to authorise a placement that is felt to be necessary after a Best Interest Meeting. Of those patients identified as needing authorisation by the Court of Protection, how many will have their placement funded by Continuing Healthcare (CHC)?"

At the time of the request, we had 15 individuals who were identified as requiring Court of protection approval for discharge.