

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_102_23

You asked:

Under the freedom of information act please could you provide me with the following data.

The number of inpatients who are currently medically fit to leave hospital in your area, but still reside there.

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.

I am aware that some of the data showing the total number of delayed transfers of care in Wales is published here: <https://www.gov.wales/nhs-activity-and-performance-summary-december-2022-and-january-2023> however I am looking for further information relating to the cause of the discharge delay.

For example, the Welsh Government also used to publish a detailed breakdown of reasons behind delayed discharge – <https://stats.wales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/NHS-Performance/Delayed-Transfers-of-Care>

By way of illustration, a response may look like this:

*01/01/22 - 100 people awaiting discharge, 20 awaiting physiotherapy, 30 awaiting transport home, 50 awaiting care packages
02/01/22 - 90 people awaiting discharge, 15 awaiting physiotherapy, 30 awaiting transport home, 45 awaiting care packages
And so on....*

Should the data only be easily available on a weekly basis (as is the format on the total figures currently published by Welsh Government) then I would be happy to accept it in this form instead, especially if this means less work for yourselves.

Please provide this data in a spreadsheet format such as excel or a .csv file, with columns for the date, total number of patients and reasons for delay.

Our response:

We can confirm that the Health Board does not currently centrally record this information. The information 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.