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Date: 28th March 2023
Ref: CORP 2023-038

Dear *****

Freedom of Information request: Patient Discharge Data - CORP 2023-038

Thank you for your request for the following information which we received on the 1st March 2023.

Your Request:

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

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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.

The Trust's response:

The Trust has reviewed your request which is correctly formatted and complies with Section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act.

In the pre-COVID Pandemic period, the Trust did hold this data and it was reported to the Welsh Government with data taken at a point in time known as Delayed Transfers of Care (DTCOC).

However, this reporting ceased at the beginning of the Pandemic and this process has now been replaced by a project known as Pathways of Care Delays (POCD).

The Trust will not begin to report in to POCD until late March 2023. Therefore, the Trust does not hold the data you have requested.

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I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to complain and request a review.

You should forward your complaint to:-

Mr Ian Bevan via FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk
Head of Information Governance
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Should you wish to take your complaint further, if you are still unhappy with the decision after review, you can contact the:-

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Yours sincerely,

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