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REQUEST

My name is Lauren Woodhead, a journalist with the BBC's Shared Data Unit.

Under the FOI Act please provide me with the information below.
Please confirm receipt of this request as soon as possible.

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 is published here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/discharge-delays-acute-data/> 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>

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....

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.

RESPONSE

The Trust does not capture the reason for delay in our EPR system and in order to identify this from paper records, this would require a manual check by the relevant Care Group for them to consider the time required to support this request.

We have provided what the Trust is required to submit on a weekly basis, the reason for delay for patients with a length of stay over 7+ days.

Please note from January to February 2022 the data was only required for patients with a length of stay 14+ days and has been highlighted as such in the attached document.