

FOI231 Response

Request

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have two questions regarding the discharge process from Mental Health inpatient wards:

What are the main reasons for discharge delays from inpatient wards?

Do you use any third-party providers in the patient discharge process? If so, which providers?

Response

What are the main reasons for discharge delays from inpatient wards?

Please see list below for the predominant reasons for discharge delays within the Trust's Inpatient services.

Discharge Delays:

- Awaiting further non acute NHS care
- Awaiting nursing home placement
- Awaiting supported accommodation
- Awaiting public funding
- Awaiting Ministry of Justice agreement/permission
- Awaiting residential home placement
- Awaiting care package in own home
- Awaiting care coordinator allocation
- Housing - Awaiting emergency accommodation
- Housing - Homeless or asylum seekers
- Awaiting community equip/telecare/adapt.
- Awaiting outcome of legal requirements

Do you use any third-party providers in the patient discharge process? If so, which providers?

3rd sector organisations are used in the patient discharge process however, the Trust is unable to provide a list of these organisations. This is because the requested information requires a manual search and collation which the Trust is unable to carry out.

With the above in mind, a Section 12 exemption has been applied as the Trust does not have capacity to fulfil this question.