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Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 01/12/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

- 1. The total number of patients in hospital on 30 November whose discharge was delayed because they were awaiting residential home placement or availability, awaiting nursing home placement or availability, or awaiting a care package in their own home.**

There were 88 patients within the Trust whose discharge was delayed on the 30th November due to the reasons stated above.

- 2. For each of the last 12 months (starting with November 2020 and ending with November 2021), can you please provide the number of hospital patients whose discharge was delayed because they were awaiting residential home placement or availability, awaiting nursing home placement or availability, or awaiting a care package in their own home.**

The data is not in an easily retrievable format as the dataset used to collect the data is an 8am snapshot and the same patients might appear on numerous days within each month. As a result, we are only able to provide a daily number – if we were to add this together for the month it would create duplicates and the end result would be a lot higher than the true figure. Therefore, to extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of patient records. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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