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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6301**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 26th April 2024.

Your request was as follows:

1. How many delayed discharges from inpatient wards were recorded by your trust during the following date ranges (please break down the data into the date ranges specified below):

1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

[1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023 - 153](#)

[1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 - 107](#)

[1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021 - 139](#)

2. What was the total amount of time spent by delayed discharge patients in hospital wards managed by your trust, between patients being ready for transfer and the patients being fully discharged from hospital, during the following date ranges (please break down the data into the date ranges specified below. Please use whichever time measurement is used by default by your trust):

1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

[1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023 - 2625 days](#)

[1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 - 2530 days](#)

[1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021 - 1806 days](#)

3. What is the average cost per day to your trust, of a patient staying in hospital, excluding costs specific to their medical condition? (i.e. the basic cost of providing a bed, food, and care but excluding condition-specific drugs, care, or medical procedures)

[The average cost is £361.70 per day based on the average excess bed day tariff.](#)

4. Does your trust currently have a plan in place to reduce the delayed discharge of patients in the future and if so, could you please tell me what that is?

N/A

5. Can you please send a copy of your Trusts 'Patient Discharge Policy'

[Please see the FOI6301\\_Discharge Policy\\_Redacted PDF attached.](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

*Mike Burns*

**Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information**