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Freedom of information request

I am writing in response to your request for information which has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your questions and our response are below.

1. How many patients in the hospital are facing a delayed transfer of care case? There are 12 patients who are currently delayed transfer of care.

2. How many delayed transfers of care patients were in hospital last month? An average over last month was 16 patients who were delayed on any one day

3. How many patients were successfully discharged from being delayed transfer of care patients in the last month? 80 delayed transfer of care patients were discharged in the last month

4. Can you provide further information on 5 patients who were delayed in their transfer of care by answering the following:
a) What was their original discharge date when admitted to hospital?
b) What date were they deemed as medically optimised to leave?
c) What was their onwards care plan?
d) What caused the delay of discharge or transfers of care and why?
e.g. waiting for assessment, waiting for home adaption, waiting for care home, complex care needs etc.

We have withheld publishing patients discharge details as patients would not expect us to publish their details in the public domain and potentially be patient identifiable.

In refusing this element of your request, I am relying on the exemption contained in s40(2) of the FOIA. This exempts us from the duty to disclose third party personal data

if any of the conditions in s40(3)(a) are met. The first of these is where the disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles. Our view is that disclosing this information would breach the first principle which requires us to process personal data fairly and lawfully.

5. What are the stages of the discharge process? Could you please provide a typical example or based on a patient case. There is not a typical example we can provide as each patient would have their own individual requirements. As above we are unable to provide a patient case due to the data protection act.