

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- For each of the last 3 calendar years (2018, 2019 & 2020) how many patients have been involved in long-term delayed transfer of care (broken down into a delay of over three month, four months, five months, six months; seven months, eight months, nine months, ten months, 11 months a year, two years) what is the reason stated for the delay? Are you also able to give a brief reason for the delay in each instance (i.e. lack of beds in care facility/delay equipping home etc.)?**

Months	2018	2019	2020
0 to 3	976	1125	271
Over 3	3	2	0
Over 4	0	0	0
Over 5	0	0	0
Over 6	0	1	0
Over 7	0	0	0
Over 8	0	0	0
Over 9	0	0	0
Over 10	0	0	0
Over 11	0	0	0

2018 - Over 3 months - Reasons - Further Non Acute NHS Care, Patient/Family Choice and Completion of Assessment.

2019 - Over 3 months - Reasons - Further Non Acute NHS Care, Patient/Family Choice, Completion of Assessment and Housing - Patients not covered by NHS & Community.

2020 - No patients over 3 months.

2. **For each of the years stated above what is the longest someone has been medically fit to be discharged but is still in the hospital?**

2018 - 2 Patients - in hospital 97 days each - Reasons Patient/Family Choice and Completion of Assessment.

2019 - 1 Patient - 184 Days - Further Non Acute NHS Care.

2020 - No patient over 3 months.

3. **Currently, what is the longest duration a patient has occupied a hospital bed because they are refusing to leave/disputing/family or patient not accepting the care package available?**

2018 - 97 days - Reasons Patient/Family Choice and Completion of Assessment.

2019 - 56 Days - Patient or Family Choice.

2020 - 86 Days - Patient or Family Choice.

The second part of this request relates to non urgent operation waiting times?

4. **As of the 1st January 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively – how many patients were on the waiting list for a non urgent operation?**

Please see below for the closest snapshot positions to the 1st January:

6th January 2019 - 3400

5th January 2020 - 3364

3rd January 2021 - 3548

5. **What is currently the longest period of time that a patient has been on the waiting list for a non urgent operation? Is it possible to list the procedure? Are you also able to give a brief reason for the delay?**

The current longest non-urgent operation waiter has a wait time of 535 days for a knee replacement, initial operation date was rearranged due to patient testing positive for Covid19.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to Lynette Wells, Director of Corporate Affairs, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (lynette.wells2@nhs.net) quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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