

FOI REF: 23/406

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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:

NHS England's urgent care recovery plan said that "from April 2023, trusts will start to consistently record the discharge-ready date for all patients in NHS data systems" It also said NHSE would "to develop a new metric that measures the time from the discharge-ready date to the actual date of discharge."

So under the FOI act, please could you provide any data the trust has on the new metric measuring time from the discharge ready date to the actual date of discharge.

1) What proportion of your patients are now being given discharge-ready dates?

The Trust is fully compliant with the National requirement and methodology for capturing discharge ready date for its patients. Between 18-20% have a discharge ready date before discharge date, with the remainder being on discharge date.

Of those, what is:

a) The average time patients are waiting from their discharge ready dates to discharge?

The average time for the nationally identified cohort is 1.36 days.

b) What is the longest time patients are waiting from their discharge ready dates to discharge?

The 99th percentile wait is 26 days.

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

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Yours sincerely

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