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Dear Mr Halpin,

Freedom of Information

Thank you for your 04/04/16 request for the following information:

*You have kindly provided me with the numbers of patients whose discharge from the NDDH was delayed in the months of January and February, and the reasons, as well as the alerts by week. The detail was most helpful. (See table below)**This is a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act.**Please supply me with the numbers of bed days lost due to delayed discharges in each category as to reason. I would prefer to see this displayed as bed days lost per patient per category. The delay might be minor in length - say a day and say 'NHS bed outside the trust' compared say with a 'reablement bed' in Marden House which I know has only a very few specialised care beds where the NDDH might have to wait weeks for transfer.*

Answer: Please see table below:

Delayed Discharges by reason during 1st January 2016 to 29th February 2016

Reason	Count of patients	Sum of bed days	Average bed days per patient
Assessment by social services to be completed	2	39	19.5
Assessment by ward staff	3	72	24.0
Assignment of SS care manager	1	5	5.0
Awaiting an NHS bed outside the trust	1	5	5.0
Community hospital bed	5	94	18.8
Dispute by family/patient re care package	2	181	90.5
Domiciliary care package	12	121	10.1
Family action required	7	142	20.3
Family/patient choice about nursing home	2	52	26.0
Family/patient choice about residential home	2	20	10.0
Funding for domiciliary care package - SS funding	2	22	11.0
Funding for NHS funded care	4	74	18.5

Funding for nursing home	2	67	33.5
Funding for residential home	1	42	42.0
Intermediate care services other than a bed	1	39	39.0
Mental health facility	1	7	7.0
NHS bed outside the trust – other	1	37	37.0
Nursing home vacancy	1	17	17.0
Nursing home vacancy - NHS funding	8	128	16.0
Nursing home vacancy - social services funding	2	25	12.5
Other - please enter free text in comments box	1	4	4.0
Reablement bed - inc Marden house	1	46	46.0
Residential home vacancy	3	47	15.7
Residential home vacancy - NHS funding	5	90	18.0
Residential home vacancy - social services funding	3	51	17.0
Residential home vacancy - self-funding	1	27	27.0
Specialist facility - please specify in comments box	2	9	4.5
Grand total	76	1463	19.3

We hope this is useful. To the best of our knowledge it comprises all the relevant information held by the Trust.

Yours sincerely,

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