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**Subject:** Delayed transfers of care

Q What's the longest number of days a current patient's transfer of care has been delayed by?  
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A As at 02/01/2015 – 13 days  
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Q What is the estimated cost of delayed transfers of care to your trust each year for the past 5 calendar years\* (before any reimbursement from local authorities)?  
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Q Information not held – we do not collect this information.  
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Please note the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) gives rights of public access to information held by public authorities.

This right covers all recorded information held by a public authority; public authorities only have to provide information they already have in recorded form, they do not have to create new information or provide estimated information.

Q How many patients experienced delayed transfers of care in each of the past 5 calendar years\*?  
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Q **Count of Patients who experienced a delayed transfer of care**  
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Patients													Grand Total
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
2010	51	49	43	61	46	39	54	48	44	57	52	53	597
2011	36	44	36	61	30	33	48	37	40	51	50	47	513
2012	43	34	37	32	38	46	43	32	40	48	64	39	496
2013	32	44	55	22	52	25	29	37	34	37	56	27	450
2014	51	38	31	33	47	39	31	40	36	45	35	30	456
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>2512</b>

source: Delayed transfer database

Q What is the mean average number of patients experiencing delayed discharge each day within your trust? Please use the past 12 months as a timeframe.  
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A **Weekly Average number of patients delayed in 2014**  
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Per week	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2014	10.2	9.5	7.75	4.7	7.8	9.8	7.8	8.0	7.2	9.0	8.8	7.5

source: Delayed transfer database, using Census date within database

N.B. Average figures not held daily

Q Has the trust ever taken legal action to remove a patient whose transfer of care was delayed?  
5 If so please provide details of when and the reason for delay in transfer of care.

A No  
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Q Does the trust plan to consider legal action to remove a patient if necessary in the future? If  
6 so please tell me when this was discussed in meetings or became policy.

A No  
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