

## Freedom of Information request 212-23

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### Request

Under the FOI Act please provide me with the information below.

The number of inpatients who are currently medically fit to leave hospital in your area, but still reside there. Please provide this as a series of data points for the last calendar year and the year to date, broken down by day. For each day, please break the data into further categories which detail the reason behind the delayed discharge.

I am aware that some of the data showing the total number of delayed transfers of care is published here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/discharge-delays-acute-data/> however I am looking for further information relating to the cause of the discharge delay.

For example, the Welsh Government also used to publish a detailed breakdown of reasons behind delayed discharge - <https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/NHS-Performance/Delayed-Transfers-of-Care>

By way of illustration, a response may look like this:

01/01/22 - 100 people awaiting discharge, 20 awaiting physiotherapy, 30 awaiting transport home, 50 awaiting care packages

02/01/22 - 90 people awaiting discharge, 15 awaiting physiotherapy, 30 awaiting transport home, 45 awaiting care packages

And so on....

Please provide this data in a spreadsheet format such as excel or a .csv file, with columns for the date, total number of patients and reasons for delay.

### Response

Please note daily confirmed delayed discharge figures are unavailable, so weekly numbers of current delayed discharges on the Sunday of every week from January 2022 to 12th March 2023 have been provided by reason for delay:



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Discharge Data.xlsx

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **212-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.