

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

**The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request**

**Date Request Received: 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

**FOI Ref No 29468**

**Requested Information:**

1. The total number of bed days lost due to discharge delays despite a person being medically fit to be discharged in each of the financial years:
  - a) 2019/20
  - b) 2020/21
  - c) 2021/22
  - d) 2022/23
  - e) 2023/24
  - f) 2024/25
  
2. In relation to the question 1, the total number and proportion of these bed days lost despite a person being medically fit to be discharged due to not enough adult social care capacity in each of the financial years:
  - a) 2019/20
  - b) 2020/21
  - c) 2021/22
  - d) 2022/23
  - e) 2023/24
  - f) 2024/25
  
3. In relation to question 1, the total cost and cost per bed day lost as a patient who was medically fit to be discharged could not be discharged due to a lack of adult social care capacity in each of the financial years:
  - a) 2019/20
  - b) 2020/21
  - c) 2021/22
  - d) 2022/23
  - e) 2023/24
  - f) 2024/25
  
4. In relation to question 1, the longest time a patient has spent in one of your Trusts hospital beds despite being medically fit to be discharged but could not be discharged due to a lack of adult social care capacity in the financial year 2024/25

**Response:**

**Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust (RCHT) does not hold the information requested.**

Unfortunately, discharges are a topic that has been subject to a lot of logic and criteria changes nationally over the requested time period. Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust (RCHT) has had to submit a few different versions nationally, so will be unable to provide a comparable report across the time period.

RCHT doesn't currently have any national guidance on how to report length of delay in the way it has been requested. However, one of RCHT's departments is currently in the process of trying to establish a local definition for reporting. This is awaiting internal approval. Until this has been approved, the data cannot be identified.

The data for 2019/2020 is publicly available and can be accessed here: [Statistics » Delayed Transfers of Care Data 2019-20](#)

I apologise that we have been unable to fully assist you in this instance.

If you have any queries or concerns, then please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, you should write to the Information Governance Manager, Knowledge Spa, Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3LJ or email [rch-tr.FOI@nhs.net](mailto:rch-tr.FOI@nhs.net)

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust.

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**Attachment(s):**

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