



16 October 2025

Our Ref: FOI 1390

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Delayed Discharges**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 3 September 2025.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the primary Care and Older Peoples Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

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

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

Please provide the following information as at the 25th July 2025.

- Q1. *The number of patients deemed "medically fit for discharge" but who remain admitted in Ulster Hospital.***
- Q2. *The number of patients waiting for Social care currently.***
- Q3. *The number of patients who are "delayed discharges". The percentage of patients?***
- A1-3. In response to questions 1 – 3, the requested information is held on the Trust electronic system as a live status (as of that day). The Trust is unable retrieve information for dates that have already past.
- Q4. *The number of Social Workers in Ulster Hospital and the number funded for Ulster Hospital?***
- A4. The number of Social Workers employed within the Ulster Hospital is 28 and funded for 26.7 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE).
- Q5. *The current number of Ulster Hospital inpatients waiting on "step down" care placement?***
- A5. As detailed in A1-3, the Trust is unable to provide the information requested as this data is held as a live status.