



25 September 2025

Our Ref: FOI 1356

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Hospital Discharges back into Nursing
Homes/Hospice/Community Care**

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 15 August 2025. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to the question raised has been provided by the Planning, Performance & Informatics 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

Q1. How many patients are discharged from the Hospitals in your area each month back into Nursing Homes/Hospice/Community Care?

Please can you answer the above answers from January 2020 to July 2025 in a table format. Months on the left hand side and year on top as heading.

- A1. Please see Table 1 for the number of inpatient discharges where the recorded destination of departure is a Nursing Home, Residential Home or Hospice. Discharges recorded from Ulster, Newtownards, Downe and Lagan Valley Hospitals.
Please note this excludes any patients discharged from an Emergency Department, Urgent Care Centre or Minor Injuries Unit.
Due to the time lag of clinical coding the data is currently only available up to July 2025.

Table 1

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	228	182	165	227	331	298
February	170	142	185	174	272	260
March	189	167	187	197	271	245
April	97	148	181	176	265	263
May	140	162	195	218	292	251
June	126	177	186	229	269	223
July	134	154	184	175	276	276
August	118	164	193	193	244	
September	145	171	182	184	258	
October	147	160	199	204	303	
November	144	170	219	236	285	
December	153	207	188	272	274	