

5 February 2020

**Our Ref:** RFI 32924

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to delayed discharges from hospital**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 10 January 2020.

A response to each of the questions 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](mailto: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

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**Information Governance Assistant**

**Q1. Number of lost bed days in the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust due to delayed discharge during the 2018-19 financial year, broken down by the reason discharge was delayed.**

A1. Please see Table 1 below.

**Table 1**

<b>Fiscal Year of Discharge</b>	<b>Reason for Discharge Delay</b>	<b>Complex Discharges GT 48 hrs</b>	<b>Days Breach to Discharge</b>
FY2018/2019	COMPLEX 5 - NO DOMICILIARY PACKAGE AVAILABLE	317	1403
FY2018/2019	COMPLEX 8 - NO EMI BED AVAILABLE	41	638
FY2018/2019	COMPLEX 10 - PATIENT/FAMILY RESISTANCE	76	508
FY2018/2019	COMPLEX 18 - NO SUITABLE STEP DOWN BED AVAILABLE	63	240
FY2018/2019	COMPLEX 7 - NO NURSING HOME BED AVAILABLE	52	169
FY2018/2019	COMPLEX 6 - NO RESIDENTIAL HOME BED AVAILABLE	22	151
FY2018/2019	COMPLEX 11 - NURSING/RESIDENTIAL HOME RESISTANCE	27	148
FY2018/2019	COMPLEX 9 - ESSENTIAL EQUIP/ADAPTATIONS NOT AVAIL/COMP	45	120
FY2018/2019	COMPLEX 3 - PATIENT/RELATIVE CHOICE	20	91
FY2018/2019	COMPLEX 16 - OTHER COMPLEX DELAY REASON	20	85
FY2018/2019	COMPLEX 2 - CARE PLANNING	19	63
FY2018/2019	COMPLEX 14b - PALLIATIVE CARE	12	34
FY2018/2019	COMPLEX 1 - HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT	1	2
FY2018/2019	COMPLEX 12 - TRAINING RELATED DELAY	1	2

**Q2. Number of people in the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust who, after being deemed medically fit for discharge from hospital, died before their discharge took place, during the 2018-19 financial year.**

A2. Twenty-five.

**Q3. Number of people in the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust who, after being deemed medically fit for discharge from hospital, died before their discharge took place, during the 2018-19 financial year, broken down by their primary diagnosis.**

A3. Please see Table 2 below.

**Table 2**

A41.4	Sepsis Due To Anaerobes	1
A41.5	Sepsis Due To Other Gram-Negative Organisms	1
A41.9	Sepsis, Unspecified	3
C18.0	Malignant Neoplasm: Caecum	1
C18.7	Malignant Neoplasm: Sigmoid Colon	1
C79.3	Secondary Malignant Neoplasm Of Brain And Cerebral Meninges	1
C80.9	Malignant Neoplasm, Primary Site Unspecified	1
C97.X	Malignant Neoplasms Of Independent (Primary) Multiple Sites	1
I33.0	Acute And Subacute Infective Endocarditis	1
I46.0	Cardiac Arrest With Successful Resuscitation	2
I61.4	Intracerebral Haemorrhage In Cerebellum	1
I63.9	Cerebral Infarction, Unspecified	1
J18.0	Bronchopneumonia, Unspecified	2
J18.1	Lobar Pneumonia, Unspecified	1
J18.9	Pneumonia, Unspecified	2
J84.1	Other Interstitial Pulmonary Diseases With Fibrosis	1
J96.91	Respiratory Failure, Unspecified	1
N17.9	Acute Renal Failure, Unspecified	1
S06.61	Traumatic Subarachnoid Haemorrhage	1
S72.00	Fracture Of Neck Of Femur	1