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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Your request sought information relating to continuing healthcare. These figures include nursing homes and community placements.

**Question 1: During the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 how many applications for Fast Track Continuing Healthcare did your health board receive?**

2018/19 – 403

2019/20 – 557

2020/21 - 551

**Question 2: During the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 how many applications for Fast Track Continuing Healthcare did your health board fund?**

2018/19 – 378

2019/20 - 486

2020/21 - 530

**Question 3: During the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, how many applications for Fast Track continuing healthcare did your health board reject?**

This information is not held centrally. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18



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hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**Question 4: During the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, what were the main reasons for rejecting Fast Track continuing healthcare applications?**

We do not reject Fast Tracks, however on occasions individuals may die in hospital prior to returning home, or decide to remain in hospital. Therefore, the Fast Track is agreed but no funding is required.

**Question 5: What was the average time period in your Health Board in days/hours from the point at which a Fast Track Continuing Healthcare application is received to the care package being provided for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20. 2020/21?**

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**Question 6: What was the average time period in days/hours from the point at which a Fast Track CHC application is approved to the care package being provided for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20. 2020/21?**

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**Question 7: What arrangements were made by your health board in relation to Fast Track Continuing healthcare during the Covid Pandemic during the financial years 2020/21?**

Community and hospital patients were referred and discharged directly to district nurses for care in the community or directly into a care home placement.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

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Yours sincerely



On behalf of

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