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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Atebir gohebiaeth Gymraeg yn y Gymraeg, ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi.
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-C-001**

We aim to safely discharge patients as soon as they are medically well enough to leave.

Delays in discharge can happen for a number of reasons including the patient not having a safe place readily available to return or move to; the selection of a care home, or waiting for a bed in a care home.

In some cases, a safe place may require additional support being put in place, like home adaptations or community support arrangements, which are often arranged by other organisations. We work closely with our partner organisations to ensure all necessary arrangements are put in place as quickly as possible.

We also ask families and carers to support us in helping to safely discharge their relative from hospital.

You asked:

Please could you provide me with the following data;

The number of inpatients who are currently medically fit to leave hospital in your area, but still reside there.

Please provide this as a series of data points for the last calendar year (2022) and the year to date (2023), broken down by day.

For each day, please break the data into further categories which detail the reason behind the delayed discharge.

By way of illustration, a response may look like this:

01/01/22 - 100 people awaiting discharge, 20 awaiting physiotherapy, 30 awaiting transport home, 50 awaiting care packages



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02/01/22 - 90 people awaiting discharge, 15 awaiting physiotherapy, 30 awaiting transport home, 45 awaiting care packages

Our response:

Please find attached the number of patients within SBUHB hospitals who are recorded as COP (clinically optimised/medically fit) – by day and by COP delay reason for the period 1st January 2022 to 28th February 2023 inclusive.

Please note the following points;

- A patient may be included in multiple days' information (eg. If a patient was COP all through January 2022 – they would appear in each of the days for January).
- In December 2022 our systems changed the recording of "reasons" for discharge – we have included all reasons both pre and post December 2022 (splits into tabs "old" and "new")

Where fewer than 5 (<5) has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

