

February 2012

1) Figures for weekly numbers of patients with “delayed transfer of care” for the past 6 months

Please find in the table below weekly numbers of patients with delayed transfer of care.

Date	Total delays	
	Patients	Days
05/08/2011	3	16
12/08/2011	7	20
19/08/2011	6	25
26/08/2011	5	29
02/09/2011	4	22
09/09/2011	9	22
16/09/2011	5	18
23/09/2011	2	8
30/09/2011	2	4
07/10/2011	3	7
14/10/2011	2	4
21/10/2011	4	7
28/10/2011	1	1
04/11/2011	0	0
11/11/2011	2	3
18/11/2011	2	9
25/11/2011	5	15
02/12/2011	2	4
09/12/2011	3	12
16/12/2011	0	0
23/12/2011	0	0
30/12/2011	3	6
06/01/2012	7	23
13/01/2012	3	14
20/01/2012	4	8
27/01/2012	4	7
TOTAL	88	284

I would add that 'Delayed Transfers of Care' are reported to the DoH *and the most recent data was published in January, 2012*

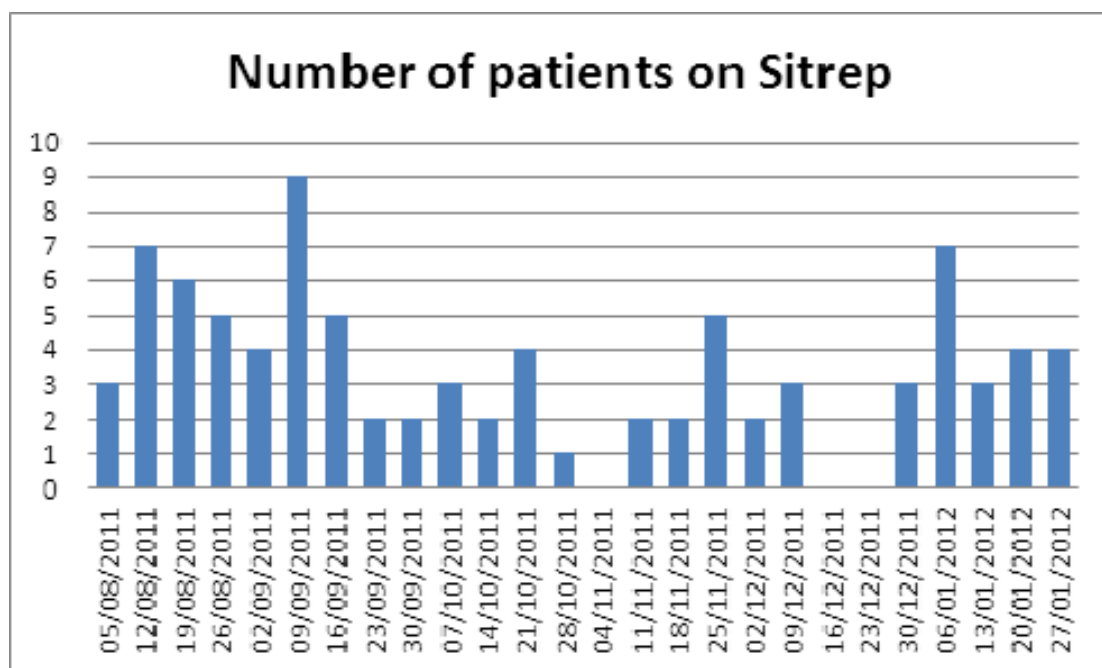
A link to the Department of Health website is provided

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Statistics/Perfomancedataandstatistics/AcuteandNon-AcuteDelayedTransfersofCare/DH_130659

Due to the dates we save and report information you may perceive some variation in the data but added up over the whole year (rather than broken down by weeks or months, (as requested) the information will be the same as reported.

2) Copies of any papers presented to the Board relating to “delayed transfer of care” and reasons for those delays

A paper (sit-rep report) is presented on a quarterly basis to the Discharge Management Group.



The reasons for the delays are:

- Awaiting Primary Care Trust (PCT) assessment to decide funding
- Awaiting assessment to be completed by a social worker
- Awaiting home / domiciliary care provision
- Awaiting equipment or adaptation from social services
- Awaiting equipment or adaptation from health services
- Consumer selecting placement – social care arranged / ‘full contributor’
- Patient related complications with provision – health

3) The financial cost of “delayed transfer of care” for the hospital

The cost of an inpatient bed is approximately £300 per night. Therefore, for the 284 days where there was a delayed transfer of care during the identified 6 month period, we estimate this has cost the Trust in the region of £85,200.

However, where the reason for delayed transfer is purely attributable to the provision of Social Care then the Trust receives a reimbursement from Social

Services which off-sets the above figure. In this regard, the Trust has received approximately £6,400 from Essex County Council and £63,000 from Southend Borough Council. This leaves a net final cost to the Trust of around £16,000.

The Trust cannot charge for delays caused by patients and relatives, or other health reasons within the Primary Care Trust (PCT) Commissioner's control.