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1 How many acute patients treated by your Trust and aged 75 or over, were delayed in their discharge from hospital for each quarter of the past 5 years, or for as many quarters as possible up to five years?

2 Out of those acute patients treated by your Trust aged 75 or over who were delayed in their discharge over the past 5 years (or for as many quarters as possible up to five years), how many were discharged to their:

a Home?

b Elderly care home?

c Hospice for elderly people?

The Trust has collated in the table below the data it holds relating to the year 2011 - 2012 for patients who have experienced a delay in discharge. This data shows the number of these patients that were over the age of 75. We trust that you will find this information useful. These patients all had complex conditions which was a route of the discharge delays. We of course have many patients with complex conditions that do not experience delay in discharge. During the financial year 2011 - 2012 the hospital discharged a total of 89,169 patients and therefore the numbers delayed in their discharge were comparatively small.

2011-2012	Number of delays	Number of patients over 75	Destination	
Quarter 1	76	65	Home	33
			Rest / Nursing Home	43
			Hospice	0
Quarter 2	88	73	Home 3	23
			Rest / Nursing Home	65
			Hospice	0
Quarter 3	28	17	Home	7
			Rest / Nursing Home	21
			Hospice	0
Quarter 4	50	41	Home	13
			Rest / Nursing Home	37
			Hospice	0

We are sorry that we cannot provide the data for the full 5 years requested as this information is not readily retrievable. To provide this information would require manual retrieval, access and search through patients' records for us to be able to respond with the specific data requested. We have estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate all the information you have requested and that the associated cost would therefore

exceed the appropriate fee limit of £450 set out under Freedom of Information & Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2007.

The fee limit specified in regulations for NHS trusts represents the cost of one person spending 2½ working days at a rate of £25 per hour determining whether the Trust holds the information sought and then locating, retrieving and extracting that information.

Having regard to section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act in circumstances where the fee limit is likely to be exceeded the Trust is not obliged to respond to the request. Accordingly, again we are sorry but on this occasion we will not be processing this part your request further.