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Date: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

**NHS England's urgent care recovery plan said that "from April 2023, trusts will start to consistently record the discharge-ready date for all patients in NHS data systems" It also said NHSE would "to develop a new metric that measures the time from the discharge-ready date to the actual date of discharge."**

**So, under the FOI act, please could provide any data the trust has on the new metric measuring time from the discharge ready date to the actual date of discharge.**

**1. What proportion of your patients are now being given discharge-ready dates?**

**Of those, what is.**

**a) the average time patients are waiting from their discharge ready dates to discharge**

**b) what is the longest time patients are waiting from their discharge ready dates to discharge**

The Trust is unable to provide accurate data at this time, as although almost all patients are having their medically fit for discharge dates confirmed this is not uniformly recorded on the Trust system.

We are currently working on a process to improve the recording of this data.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

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