

FOI 3066

20th May 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Question 1:

Can you provide an estimate for the daily cost of a hospital bed in your trust?

Response:

SHSCT General Medicine Bed Day Unit Cost: £819

Please note:

1. Source: Costing Financial Returns (CFRs) 23/24
2. Cost is fully absorbed i.e. includes Overhead costs and Capital Charges etc.

Question 2:

Can you provide an estimate for the number of bed days lost due to delayed discharge for the most recent 6 month period for which data is held.

Response:

Please see attached

Bed Days Lost & Days Delayed – last 6 months (Oct '24 to Mar'25)

Hospital Site:	Bed Days Lost
CAH	2788
DHH	2337
STH	2751
LGH	2397
Total	10,273

NB: The numbers quoted above include Complex and Simple Discharge related Delays across CAH and DHH Acute sites, plus Lurgan Hospital and South Tyrone Hospital Non Acute sites, see below:

Breakdown Complex vs Simple Delay Reasons

Delay Complex vs Simple	Bed Days Lost
Complex Total	10,043
Simple Total	158
Tertiary Total	72
Total	10,273

Question 3:

If available, can you estimate the number of bed days lost where care package provision may have an impact, including reason for delayed care package implementation if held.

Response:

Response: Delays associated with issues around care package provision, are usually as follows:

- a) Domiciliary Care** – as a result of a lack capacity in either the Trust Home Care or Independent Sector Providers
- b) Lack of capacity in a Non Acute or Statutory Residential facility** – to facilitate discharge for ongoing rehab outside of an Acute Hospital bed
- c) Care Home Provision** – due to delays in carrying out the initial pre-admission assessment, a lack of capacity by the provider to meet the needs of an individual and to accept the case into their care home or
- d) Some other reason.**

Breakdown of Complex Delay Reason & Bed Days Lost – Top 5 Reasons

Delay Reason	Bed Days Lost
No Package of Care Available	3107
Awaiting Assessment / Acceptance To Care Home	3007
Internal Hospital Assessment Processes	546
Awaiting Bed Based – in Sub Acute / Non-Acute	277
Awaiting Bed Based – IC Care Home	139
Total	7076
Other Reasons	2967
Total	10,043

Please see attached.

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