

**SOUTHERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST**

**NUMBER OF PATIENTS MEDICALLY FIT FOR DISCHARGE WITH DELAYED TRANSFER OF CARE IN SHSCT  
DATE OF DISCHARGE BETWEEN 01.01.2020 - 30.04.2025\***

**Notes:**

\*2025 is up to 30/04/2025 only.  
REGIONALLY AGREED EXCLUSIONS APPLIED:

**SPECIALTIES:**

- Antenatal Clinic 510
- Child & Adolescent Psychiatry 711
- Forensic Psychiatry 712
- Mental Handicap 700
- Mental Illness 710
- Obs & Gyn (Obstetrics) 501
- Old Age Psychiatry 715
- Postnatal Clinic 520
- Psychotherapy 713
- Well Babies (Obstetrics) 540
- Well Babies (Paediatrics) 550

**WARDS:**

- CRAIGAVON AREA HOSPITAL**
- Cah Stay Paed Assessment Unit - CPAU
  - Emergency Department Dia Ward - CDTA
  - Kingsbridge Core - Belfast - KPHC
  - Neo Natal Unit - NNU
  - North West Independent Core - NWHC
  - Paediatric Ambulatory Ward - PAW
  - Paediatric Blossom Ward - CPB
  - Ulster Independent Core - UICC

**DAISY HILL HOSPITAL**

- DhH Stay Paed Assessment Unit - DPAU
- Emergency Care Post Take Ward - DWA
- Emergency Department Dia Ward - DDTA
- Paediatric Daisy Ward - DPD
- Special Care Babies - SCB

The information is based on Regional Method of Discharge: 'Patient Discharged on Medical Advice'.

**1. How many patients were declared medically fit for discharge but remain in hospital due to external factors (e.g lack of care packages) from 2020-2024**

Year	No of Delayed Transfers of Care
2020	25980
2021	27134
2022	26874
2023	27953
2024	29460

**2. How many patients were declared medically fit for discharge but remain in hospital due to external factors on a monthly basis (e.g lack of care packages) in 2025\***

Month	No of Delayed Transfers of Care
Jan-25	2474
Feb-25	2256
Mar-25	2473
Apr-25	2516

3. Please break down by reason where possible (waiting for home care package, housing, adaptations, assessment delays)

Reason For Delayed Transfer of Care
NO SIGNIFICANT DELAY
PHARMACY AWAITED
AWAITING AMBULANCE
AWAITING TRANSPORT FROM FAMILY OR FRIENDS
DISCHARGE SUMMARY AWAITED
None Recorded
NO DOMICILIARY PACKAGE AVAILABLE
AWAIT ASSESSMENT/ACCEPTANCE TO CARE HOME
NO SIGNIFICANT DELAY - OTHER HOSPITAL
OTHER SIMPLE DELAY REASON
BED BASED IC - SUB ACUTE/NON-ACUTE HOSP
INTERNAL HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT PROCESSES
BED BASED IC - CARE HOMES
DEMENTIA
AWAITING SECONDARY CARE BED
HOME BASED IC
SIMPLE COMMUNITY PACKAGE
AWAITING TERTIARY CARE
ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT/ADAPT NOT AVAILABLE
SIMPLE ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE
WARD ORIGINATED DELAY
PATIENT/RELATIVE CHOICE
PHYSICAL DISABILITY
REABLEMENT
MENTAL CAPACITY
ENHANCED CARE REQUIREMENTS
NO NURSING HOME BED AVAILABLE
ADD CRITERIA APPLIED BY CARE HOME/HOME CARE (COVID-19)
CARE PLANNING
NO CARE HOME BED AVAILABLE
HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT
TRAINING RELATED DELAY
LEARNING DISABILITY
PALLIATIVE CARE COMM ARRANGEMENTS NOT MADE
OTHER COMPLEX DELAY REASON
HOUSING
MENTAL HEALTH
1 TO 1 CARE (DEMENTIA)
STAFFING (COVID-19)
PALLIATIVE CARE IP ARRANGEMENTS NOT MADE
INFECTION RELATED DELAY-HOSPITAL SETTING
EMERGENCY DIRECT PAYMENTS
ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT ADAPTATIONS NOT AVAILABLE/COMPLETE
NO RESIDENTIAL HOME BED AVAILABLE
COVID OUTBREAK (COVID-19)
PATIENT/FAMILY REFUSAL COVID SPECIFIC (COVID-19)
PATIENT/FAMILY RESISTANCE
FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
LEGAL/RESIDENCY ISSUES
ADULT SAFEGUARDING
MEDICINE ADHERENCE SUPPORT (BLISTER PACK)
TRANSPORT DELAY
NO EMI BED AVAILABLE
NO FIXED ABODE
INFECTION RELATED DELAYS-COMMUNITY SETTING
NURSING/RESIDENTIAL HOME RESISTANCE
WAITING THE TEST RESULT (COVID-19)
COMMUNITY REHABILITATION
SAMPLING WITHIN THE ACUTE SETTING (COVID-19)
DELIRIUM
HOSPITAL AT HOME (ACUTE CARE AT HOME)
COMMUNITY STROKE
FUNDING ISSUE
INPATIENT PALLIATIVE CARE ARRANGEMENTS CANNOT BE MADE
NO SUITABLE STEP DOWN BED AVAILABLE
CRISIS RESPONSE
COMMUNITY RESPIRATORY
COMMUNITY PALLIATIVE CARE ARRANGEMENTS CANNOT BE MADE

4. What is the longest number of days a patient was declared medically fit for discharge but remained in hospital in 2024?

249 Days

5. What is the longest number of days a patient was declared medically fit for discharge but remained in hospital in 2025?

268 Days