

FOI 3555

4th February 2026**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

Can you please tell me how many people currently have a home care package in your Health Trust as of January 2026.

Response:

4708

Also how many people are currently waiting for a home care package within your trust catchment area as of the date of this request.

Response:

There were approximately 826 individuals awaiting a Package Of Care (POC) as of 08/01/26. Of these, 775 individuals were waiting for what is described as a Full POC, whereas 51 individuals were waiting for some additionality to their existing POC.

Request:

Can you also please provide me with the top ten longest times people have been waiting for a home care package in your health trust as of the date of this request.

Response:

| | Date Received | Days Waiting |
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| 1 | 05/01/2023 | 1099 |
| 2 | 28/06/2023 | 925 |
| 3 | 30/11/2023 | 770 |
| 4 | 11/12/2023 | 759 |
| 5 | 11/12/2023 | 759 |
| 6 | 16/04/2024 | 632 |
| 7 | 24/04/2024 | 624 |
| 8 | 23/05/2024 | 595 |
| 9 | 20/06/2024 | 567 |
| 10 | 11/09/2024 | 484 |

NB: The system from which this information has been extracted has been operational in the Southern Trust since 08 May 2025. However, data quality reviews and retrospective reconciliation work remain in progress. As a result, the organisation cannot guarantee that the information supplied is fully complete or entirely accurate, although it represents our best available data at the time of responding.

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