

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.13504.24
<b>Subject:</b>	Discharge delays
<b>Date of Request:</b>	2 January 2024

**Requested:**

Could you please provide:

1. The median time period for the delay experienced by patients ready for discharge each month from April 2023 to December 2023 or latest month available, with the delay defined as a patient occupying an NHS hospital bed, who is 'clinically optimised' ready to return home or move on to the next stage of care, who experienced a delay in their transfer of more than 48 hours beyond the point they were clinically optimised.
2. The longest time period for a delay experienced by a patient ready for discharge, each month from April 2023 to December 2023 or latest month available.
  - a. If available, the reason for the delay experienced by the patient with the longest delayed discharge.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the information exactly as requested. However, the UHB reports its Delayed Pathways of Care (DPoC) in its Integrated Performance Assurance Report (IPAR) at the UHB's Board meetings.

As this information is accessible by another means, the UHB has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA). The most recent IPAR is within the public domain and is available on the UHB's website.

For ease of reference, please click on the link below, which will take you directly to the minutes from the UHB's Board meeting held on 25 January 2024.

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