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Dear Ms Goodwin,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail dated 6 March 2021, requesting:

"I am looking for information about the number of people (not beds) who have been affected by delayed discharge from mental health care beds. I wanted to know:

1a) How many patients who have been declared fit for discharge were occupying mental health care beds from 1 January to 31 December 2020? What percentage of the total number of patients is this?

1b) How long were these patients waiting to be discharged? What percentage had been waiting for:

- For one month*
- For six months*
- For one year*
- For two years*
- For three years*
- More than three years*

Please provide this information as an excel spreadsheet

2) Please also provide this data for the year ending 31 December, 2019 and 31 December, 2018."

I can now respond as follows:

I am looking for information about the number of people (not beds) who have been affected by delayed discharge from mental health care beds. I wanted to know:

1a) How many patients who have been declared fit for discharge were occupying mental health care beds from 1 January to 31 December 2020? What percentage of the total number of patients is this?

Please see the table 1 below for the period requested. The counts provided are based on the number of admissions having one or more delayed discharge bed days attributable to mental health specialties within NHS Grampian hospitals. Please note that Code 100's have been excluded. These are patients who may be classed as 'ready for discharge' but are not considered a delayed discharge under the national data definition as the standard discharge planning processes and timescales are not appropriate. Percentages have been calculated based on overall number of hospital stays (non-elective) within mental health specialties at NHS Grampian hospitals during the time period.

TABLE 1	Calendar Year		
	2018	2019	2020
	Standard & Code 9 Delays		
Total delays	164	149	144
% of total patients	8.4%	7.9%	7.9%

1b) How long were these patients waiting to be discharged? What percentage had been waiting for:

- For one month
- For six months
- For one year
- For two years
- For three years
- More than three years AND,

2) Please also provide this data for the year ending 31 December, 2019 and 31 December, 2018?

Please see tables 2 and 3 below for the period requested. Percentages by length of delay have been calculated as a percentage of total delays (standard and code 9) for that time period. Please note that small numbers have been presented as <5 as providing the exact figures may identify those patients concerned; s.38(1)(b) of the Act refers – Personal Information relating to third parties.

TABLE 2	Calendar Year					
	Number			Percentage		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Duration of delay						
Less than 1 month	83	67	84	51%	45%	58%
1 to 6 months	70	78	55	43%	52%	38%
6 to 12 months	9	<5	<5	5%	<5%	<5%
1 to 2 years	<5	<5	<5	<5%	<5%	<5%
2 to 3 years	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 years or more	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 3	Calendar Year		
	2018	2019	2020
More than 1 month	49%	55%	42%

More than 6 months	7%	<5%	<5%
More than 1 year	<5%	<5%	<5%
More than 2 years	0%	0%	0%
More than 3 years	0%	0%	0%

Under section 20 (1) of the Act, if you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Grampian has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request, and you have a right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

A request for review must be made within 40 working days and should, in the first instance, be in writing to: Directorate of Corporate Communications, Foresterhill House, Foresterhill, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZB or by email to gram.foi@nhs.scot

Requests for appeal can be made by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's online service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal or should be made in writing to: Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS Telephone: 01334 464610, Fax: 01334 464611.

If you remain dissatisfied following an appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner your recourse is to the Court of Session on a point of law.

Yours sincerely



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