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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.

In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we do hold the information relevant to your request. FOI 122

[Response from Bedford Hospital](#)

1. How many delayed discharges from inpatient wards were recorded by your trust during the following date ranges (please break down the data into the date ranges specified below):

1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019 = **878**

1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018 = **866**

1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017 = **921**

2. What was the total amount of time spent by delayed discharge patients in hospital wards managed by your trust, between patients being ready for transfer and the patients being fully discharged from hospital, during the following date ranges (please break down the data into the date ranges specified below. Please use whichever time measurement is used by default by your trust):

1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019 = **4656**

1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018 = **4477**

1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017 = **5421**

3. What is the average cost per day to your trust of a patient staying in hospital to your trust, excluding costs specific to their medical condition (i.e. the basic cost of providing a bed, food and care but excluding condition specific drugs, care or medical procedures)

The Trust does not hold this information, however for business planning purposes an average cost of £250 per day is usually used.

4. Does your trust currently have a plan in place to reduce the delayed discharge of patients in the future and if so, could you please tell me what that is?

This is currently under review and will be available in the next 2-3 months

5. Can you please send a copy of your **Trusts 'Patient Discharge Policy'** *attached*

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Or by emailing bhn-tr.foibedfordshirehospitals@nhs.net. This option is available to you for up to three calendar months from the date your response was issued.

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Yours sincerely,

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