

**Request Reference:** FOI/016/23

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**Information requested:**

Could you please provide the following information:

1. The total length of stay in days of the longest admitted person in your health board area who is currently;
  - i) admitted to a hospital-based assessment and treatment unit or any other NHS in-patient setting, including psychiatric wards
  - ii) has a diagnosed learning disability or a diagnosis of autism, or both
2. Please could you specify which of the above – or any other - settings they are in currently
3. Please could you specify whether they have a diagnosis of learning disability, autism or both
4. Can you please provide the longest case of delayed discharge in your health board area who has a diagnosed learning disability or diagnosis of autism or both. Please note I would like a response that simply states the number of days which this person has been delayed discharge, as of the date of this request.
5. Could you please provide the total length of stay in days of the longest admitted person who;
  - i) was transferred from your health board area to an in-patient setting in another part of the UK, including any private hospitals
  - ii) has a diagnosis of learning disability or autism or both
6. Please could you specify which of the above – or any other - settings they are in currently
7. How many patients admitted to your learning disability wards sectioned under the mental health act who have been diagnosed with a learning disability and or autism have a criminal record
  - ii) and of those how many had no criminal record when they were admitted?

**Response:**

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  - i) 12,293 days
  - ii) 12,293 days
2. NHS high secure hospital
3. Autism
4. No current patients meet these criteria. We give notice under section 12 of FOISA that the cost of complying with this request would exceed the maximum amount of £600. Please see advice and guidance below.
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### **Advice and Guidance**

We hold records that span over 75 years. We are required to hold any records that were created prior to 1948, although it was not until 1957 we, as the State Hospital, admitted our first patient.

Our patient records are a mixture of digital and paper records, with digital records becoming more prevalent from 2011 onwards.

#### Cost of compliance

A Scottish public authority is not obliged to comply with a Freedom of Information request that would cost more than £600 (FOISA section 12(1)).

In response to question 4 we provided the information based on our current patients. To provide an answer based on the totality of our records would require at least 1,800 records to be checked. We estimate that this would take about 10 minutes per record. This would cost £4,500 (300 hours @ £15 per hour). This is above maximum amount permitted for a request.

Question 5 i) & ii) would require us to search discharged patient records held by us. We estimate that there are at least 150 patient records that need to be searched. Each record would take about 15 minutes, which at £15 per hour means it would add at least £562.50 to the cost of the request.

Question 6 require us to have answered question 5, but we estimate that this additional check would add 5 minutes per patient. This adds £187.50 (12.5 hours @ £15) to the cost.

Question 7 i) & ii) would also require the searching of over 1,800 records, similar to question 4. The cost of this search is at least £4,500.

We could provide more information if the scope of the request was limited. As paper records are the most time consuming to check, we would suggest changing the request to a limit the amount of records we need to review.

Requests for information that limited to our current patients and /or exclude our historical and paper records (2011 onwards) are more likely to be within the cost constraints of the legislation.