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Question/s to be answered

I am looking for information regarding the number of patients who have died whilst classified as a delayed discharge (a patient, clinically ready for discharge, cannot leave hospital because the other necessary care, support or accommodation for them is not readily accessible and/or funding is not available).

As such, can I request the following?

1. A breakdown of the number for the financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23

(most recent);

2021/2022 – 2

2023/2023 (up to October) - 4

2. How long each patient had been classified as a delayed discharge;

Patient 1 – 7
days

Patient 2 – 16
days

Patient 3 – 13
days

Patient 4 – 10
days

Patient 5 – 8
days

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Patient 6 – 25
days

3. The hospital in which the patient was delayed and the cause of death

Gilbert Bain Hospital, Lerwick

4. Reason for delayed discharge

Awaiting place availability in LA Residential Home, Patient exercising statutory right of choice, Awaiting completion of social care arrangements - in order to live in their own home - awaiting social support (non-availability of services)