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**Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request**  
**Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-D-020**

We responded to your previous request relating to patients Medically Fit for Discharge (MFFD) reference 23-C-001 on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023. You then sent us the following enquiry relating to the data provided in that response.

Please note that the information we have provided below relates to the patients most recent episode of being deemed MFFD. I.e. if the patient was deemed MFFD earlier on in their inpatient stay, then became ill again and the MFFD marker was removed, then reinstated when the patient became recovered, we would only count the most recent MFFD episode/status up to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

**You asked:**

**1. Of the people waiting to leave hospital who were medically fit for discharge on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, how many had been waiting:**

- **0-1 months**
- **1-3 months**
- **3-6 months**
- **6-12 months**
- **Over 12 months**

As at the close of play on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 of the patients\* awaiting discharge deemed as "medically fit", the waits were as follows;

| Wait           | Patients |
|----------------|----------|
| 0 - 1 month    | 186      |
| 1-3 months     | 76       |
| 3-6 months     | 17       |
| 6-12 months    | <5**     |
| Over 12 months | <5**     |



- 2. In the past financial year (2022/23) of all the patients who were discharged, how many waited the following periods of time between being deemed medically fit for discharge, and actually being discharged?**
- **0-3 months**
  - **3-6 months**
  - **6-12 months**
  - **Over 12 months**

| Wait           | Discharges |
|----------------|------------|
| 0-3 months     | 2638       |
| 3-6 months     | 138        |
| 6-12 months    | 24         |
| Over 12 months | <5**       |

\* We are not able to provide the total of patients deemed as MFFD on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, as to do so would allow the calculation of withheld low figures and there is a potential risk of identifying the individual if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

\*\* Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

