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## REQUEST & RESPONSE

**What is the longest amount of time in days a patient had been kept in hospital due to delayed transfer in the past 12 months?**

The longest length of stay for a patient recorded as a delayed transfer of care DTOC is 76 days.

**Could you give me details for the three longest delayed transfer stays, the name of the hospital concerned and if possible the age and gender of the patients concerned and the department they were in (ie elderly care/general surgery, paediatrics etc)?**

The top 3 LOS from the DTOC list are

- 76 days
- 61 days
- 45 days

**Are you also able to give a brief reason for the delay in each instance (ie lack of beds in care facility/delay equipping home etc)?**

Owing to potential identification of patients if specifics shared and a risk of breach of patient confidentiality we are unable to share individual details however to be helpful, we can share general themes of delays are

- Waiting for the chosen care home bed to become available
- Waiting for domiciliary care providers to set up a suitable package of care to meet the needs of the patient; most difficult are those that require 2 carers, 4 times a day.