

Date: Wednesday, 23 June 2004

Venue: Committee Room 3, National Assembly for Wales

Title: Delayed Transfers of Care relating to Mental Health for the March 2004 Census

Purpose

1. To provide the Health and Social Services Committee with a breakdown of the 267 delayed transfers of care recorded for the March 2004 census point that related to mental health, including the incidence of elderly mentally ill people. This information was requested by the Committee on 5 May 2004.

Background

2. The number of delay transfers of care recorded at the March 2004 census point was 1010. Of this figure 267 (26%) related to delays recorded on mental health wards. The following table provides a breakdown of these delays by age and delay reason category.

Delayed Transfers of Care recorded on Mental Health Wards - March 2004*

Delay Categories	Ages 0 - 64	Ages 65 +	All Mental Health Delays
Community care assessment	5	4	9

Community care arrangements	46	37	83
Healthcare assessments	30	3	33
Healthcare arrangements	49	20	69
Legal financial	1	1	2
Disagreements	9	9	18
Other (including <u>choice</u>)	7	43	50
Principal reason not agreed	0	3	3
Total	147	120	267*

* Please note that all mental health delays in the above table relate to delays recorded on Mental Health wards and will not include anybody delayed on an acute or community ward awaiting placement in a mental health/ EMI facility. The database records ward type and speciality.

3. For completeness I am also providing a table with the corresponding figures at the May 2004* census point.

Delay Categories	Ages 0 - 64	Ages 65 +	All Mental Health Delays
Community care assessment	3	2	5
Community care arrangements	48	23	71
Healthcare assessments	23	8	31
Healthcare arrangements	49	14	63
Legal financial	1	2	3
Disagreements	11	10	21

Other (including <u>choice</u>)	6	47	53
Principal reason not agreed	0	1	1
Total	141	107	248*

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Action for the Health and Social Services Committee

4. To note contents of this paper.

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