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Delayed Discharge due to wait for Community Care Packages

I would like the following information:

1. The number of people medically fit for discharge but who cannot leave hospital until a community care package is put in place on 20th July 2022, broken down by age category.

Please note figures below were collated on patients awaiting domiciliary care and also includes anyone waiting to go home for home based rehabilitation services.

Age Band	Total Waiting
Under 65	3
65 - 74	5
75 - 84	22
85 - 94	12
95 and Over	3
Grand Total	45

2. The longest time patients deemed medically fit for discharge who are waiting for a community care package on 20th July 2022 have been waiting.

The longest wait has been 64 days.

3. The number of people medically fit for discharge who have been unable to leave hospital until a community care package was put in place each year since 2017.

Year of Discharge	Total Discharges
Y2017	355
Y2018	466
Y2019	362
Y2020	567
Y2021	730
Y2022	423
Grand Total	2903

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- 4. The number of people waiting for a community care package who have died each year since 2017, broken down by age.**

Belfast Trust is unable to answer Question 4. Deaths are excluded from discharge delay monitoring. If a patient had become unwell after being declared medically fit, this would have been updated on our PAS system to indicate they were no longer fit for discharge.