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Discharge Statistics to Nursing Homes, Hospices and Community Care

1. **How many patients are discharged from the Hospitals in your area each month back into Nursing Homes/Hospice/Community Care?**

Please can the above answers from January 2020 to July 2025 be in a table format? Months on the left hand side and year on top as heading.

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust discharges from hospital into nursing homes/hospice for the period 01 January 2020 to 31 July 2025.

We cannot provide discharge statistics to community care from our PAS/encompass recording systems. Information on discharges into community care is not available.

NURSING HOME	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	179	234	206	217	198	273
February	129	188	159	199	241	218
March	151	172	199	207	184	247
April	84	178	234	189	173	216
May	105	186	231	218	165	239
June	121	182	161	242	164	219
July	116	219	183	229	204	214
August	130	180	174	198	200	
September	143	244	176	210	189	
October	138	187	188	228	227	
November	159	208	202	242	228	
December	210	197	204	197	217	
Nursing Home Total	**1665**	**2375**	**2317**	**2576**	**2390**	**1626**

HOSPICE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	10	<10	11	10	<10	16
February	<10	<10	<10	10	<10	14
March	12	<10	<10	<10	14	17
April	<10	<10	<10	10	<10	14
May	<10	15	<10	15	12	10
June	<10	<10	<10	14	11	10
July	<10	<10	<10	<10	16	15
August	<10	<10	12	<10	<10	
September	10	<10	<10	<10	11	
October	<10	<10	<10	<10	11	
November	<10	<10	<10	<10	11	

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December	<10	<10	<10	<10	10	
Hospice Total	**89**	**76**	**86**	**103**	**119**	**96**

We have used <5 rather than give the exact figure. The low numbers involved would reduce numbers to discoverable limits and, as a result, we consider that individuals could be identified and disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act - Personal Information relating to a third party.