

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-303	3 rd August 2021
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Question 1: During the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 how many applications for Fast Track Continuing Healthcare did your health board/Trust receive?

2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
629	688	759

Please note rejected assessments will be included in this activity

Question 2: During the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 how many applications for Fast Track Continuing Healthcare did your health board/Trust fund?

2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
560	608	699

Please note the difference in Q1 and Q2 will include rejected assessments; e.g. assessments that do not meet the criteria and sadly those who have died in hospital/community

Question 3: During the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, how many applications for Fast Track continuing healthcare did your health board / Trust reject?

18/19	19/20	20/21
9	9	26

Question 4: During the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, what were the main reasons for rejecting Fast Track continuing healthcare applications?

The main reason for rejection was that the patient did not meet the fast track criteria when the assessment was undertaken.

Question 5: What was the average time period in your Health Board / Trust in days/ hours from the point at which a Fast Track Continuing Healthcare application is received to the care package being provided for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21?

Requests are on average agreed within 1 hour of receipt of the assessment/all necessary information. Please also refer to Q6 response.

Question 6: What was the average time period in days/hours from the point at which a Fast Track CHC application is approved to the care package being provided for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21?

For community patients:

- A provider may already be in situ so care is commissioned once approved. However, providers may not be able to increase care for 12–24 hours depending on capacity.

For hospital patients:

- Same day discharge if possible or within 24 hours.

The Health Board has dedicated commissioned palliative care runs to support end of life patients within the community and we also work alongside our hospices. These runs generally commence care immediately.

Question 7: What arrangements were made by your health board/Trust in relation to Fast Track Continuing healthcare during the Covid Pandemic during the financial years 2020/21?

The Health Board increased commissioned palliative care runs to support patients within the community alongside hospices and independent domiciliary care agencies etc.