

**I would like to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information:**

**(Please provide a breakdown from the last 3 years - 2019 - present, in calendar years not fiscal.)**

Please note that the Health Board has a process in place called 'Step Closer to Home' which supports the transfer of individuals to a care home when there is no available package of care available in the community. This process did not commence until 2021.

**1. How many patients have been sent to a care home by the health board due to there not being carers in the community available to provide the support/care for the patient at home.**

140.

**2. How much money has the health board spent on paying the care home for the patients full care package (even if this is via a third party eg social services pay and claim the money back from the health board.)**

Please find below figures for the period:

| <b>Year</b>    | <b>1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December</b> |
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| 2021           | £269,390.60   |
| 2022 (to date) | £1,235,593.60   |