Patients in England sometimes occupy a hospital bed when they could be discharged. These are ‘delayed transfers of care’ and are measured in ‘delayed days’.

Most common factors for delayed days in 2016:

- 20% Waiting for a care package in their own home
- 17% Waiting for non-acute NHS care
- 17% Waiting for an assessment
- 15% Waiting for a nursing home placement
- 12% Patient or family choice

These statistics show why reforming social care is vital. That’s why we’re asking all parties to present a credible plan to do this before the General Election.

Data taken from NHS England’s delayed transfers of care data webpage, April 2017.