

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Please provide all information in calendar years:

- How many reports have there been about self-harm incidents among inpatients in your mental health unit from February to June 2020, and the years 2019, 2018? I require this information broken down by month for all years.
The following data has been extracted from the Trusts incident reporting system for patient self-harm incidents on Mental Health inpatient units from 01/01/2018 to 30/06/2020:

2018		2019		2020	
Jan 2018	221	Jan 2019	211	Jan 2020	Not Requested
Feb 2018	161	Feb 2019	215	Feb 2020	192
Mar 2018	177	Mar 2019	254	Mar 2020	205
Apr 2018	178	Apr 2019	219	Apr 2020	177
May 2018	179	May 2019	230	May 2020	259
Jun 2018	152	Jun 2019	248	Jun 2020	288
Jul 2018	205	Jul 2019	249		
Aug 2018	188	Aug 2019	201		
Sep 2018	185	Sep 2019	169		
Oct 2018	204	Oct 2019	209		
Nov 2018	204	Nov 2019	236		
Dec 2018	149	Dec 2019	169		

- How many suicide attempts have there been among inpatients in your mental health units from February to June 2020, and the years 2019, 2018? I require this information broken down by month for all years.
The Trust does not report specially on suicide attempts as it is logged under a self-harm category that also includes all forms of self-harm.

People who attempt suicide would present in an Acute hospital setting in the first instance, where a formal diagnosis of attempted suicide may be recorded. EPUT will have admitted patients who have attempted suicide/self-harm before / or are at high risk of self-harm/suicide ideation. This information would be recorded in the patient free text notes of the electronic record. There is no national coding for inpatient admissions for admission method or patient classification that identifies attempted suicide/self-harm. It would take a unit of time outside the scope of the FOI limit in order to examine each admission over the time period to give a formal response for admissions where patients have previously attempted suicide/self-harm.

The Trust is therefore applying Section 12 of the Act (where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit).

3. How many inpatients in mental health units have died at your trust from February to June 2020, and the years 2019, 2018? I require this information broken down by month for all years. Please provide information to the cause of death (if known) or if an inquest was followed up to determine the cause.

The incidents in the table below relate to patients passing away on the inpatient unit and do not include those to have passed away at another location, e.g. a general hospital.

Please note that the numbering in the chart is recorded by the coroner if there is more than one cause of death (e.g., 1a hanging', was the primary cause, with '2 bulimia nervosa' being a secondary factor).

Year/Month & Cause of Death	Total
2018.01	1
Natural Causes	1
2018.02	1
1a hanging, 2 bulimia nervosa	1
2018.05	1
Natural Causes	1
2018.07	1
1a Coronary Artery Atheroma and Cystitis II. Left Ventricular Failure	1
2018.08	1
1a Acute cocaine toxicity	1
2019.01	1
Ligature	1
2019.03	1
Natural Causes	1
2019.04	1
Patient was on End of Life Care Pathway - Parkinsons	1
2019.08	1
(1A) Immersion in Water (Drowning)	1
2019.09	2
(1B) Severe Depressive Disorder with Psychosis	1
Ligature	1
2019.12	2
1a. Cardiopulmonary Insufficiency 1b. Emphysema and Coronary Artery Disease 2. Dementia, Hypertensive Disease.	1
Ligature	1
2020.01	1
Cardiac Arrest	1
2020.02	1
Natural Causes	1
2020.03	2
Covid 19	2
2020.04	3

Cardiac Arrest	1
Covid 19	2
Total	20

Applied Exemption:

Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit):

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
 - (a) by one person, or
 - (b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated

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