

## Freedom of Information Request

**Reference Number:** EPUT.FOI.23.2845  
**Date Received:** 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2023

**Information Requested:**

1. The number of unexpected deaths of patients within three months of contact with the trust, during the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, broken down by year.

Please note the below figures relate to unexpected deaths of patients known to all EPUT services including Mental Health Inpatient & Community Services, and Community Health Services, within 6 months of contact that met Serious Incident & Patient Safety Incident Response Framework criteria ([NHS England » Serious Incident framework](#) and [B1465-1.-PSIRF-v1-FINAL.pdf \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)), and not all unexpected deaths as our team does not hold this data.

2018 - 82  
2019 - 75  
2020 - 69  
2021 - 70  
2022 - 76

- a) Please also specify how many were inpatients and how many were patients treated in the community.

Please note that the trust's policy is not to provide patient or staff numbers, where the response is less than or equal to five ( $\leq 5$ ) as it would potentially allow identification of the individual patient/staff and would therefore be personal data. The trust considers that release of that information would breach GDPR/DPA18 principles on the grounds that it would not be fair in all the circumstances. This information is therefore exempt under section 40 of the FOI Act 2000.

	Inpatient	Community
2018	$\leq 5$	79
2019	$\leq 5$	70
2020	$\leq 5$	65
2021	6	64
2022	7	69

2. The number of suspected suicides of patients within three months of contact with the trust, during the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, broken down by year.

The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the <https://eput.nhs.uk/media/0wpoxb3z/eput-foi-22-2510.pdf> website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means):

- b) Please also specify how many were inpatients and how many were patients treated in the community.

Please see Response to Question 2

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**Publication Scheme:**

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<https://eput.nhs.uk>