

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting data relating to coroners' Prevention of Future Deaths reports (PFDs or Reg 28 letters) received by the Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust. Can I please request the following:

1. the total number of PFDs where Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust was a listed addressee from inception (July 2013) until April 2024 (or the most recent available data), broken down as annual counts for each calendar year (e.g. for 2013 the number of reports from Jul to Dec; for 2014 the number of reports from January to December).

Prevention of future death reports (Regulation 28 Letters) are a matter of public record via the Courts and Tribunals Judiciary website. *Section 21

2. the total number of PFDs where Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust was copied for information in as an 'interested person' from inception (July 2013) until April 2024 (or the most recent available data), broken down as annual counts for each calendar year (e.g. for 2013 the number of reports from Jul to Dec; for 2014 the number of reports from January to December).

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Publication Scheme:

As part of the Freedom of Information Act all public organisations are required to proactively publish certain classes of information on a Publication Scheme. A publication scheme is a guide to the information that is held by the organisation. EPUT's Publication Scheme is located on its Website at the following link <https://eput.nhs.uk>

*The Trust believes that this information is publicly available via the courts and Tribunals Judiciary website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means):

Section 21: Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.