

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

I am writing under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

1. Please provide details of the number of suicides by inpatients under the care of mental health services at your Trust.

Please see table below, the figures below included confirmed suicides and suspected suicides for the time period requested in question 2.

2. Please provide figures for all inpatient suicides recorded by the Trust (including alleged/suspected suicides, and suicides confirmed by a coroner), for the years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Please see table below, the figures below included confirmed suicides and suspected suicides for the time period noted above.

3. For each death, please could you provide a summary where possible covering the date of the incident, the site/ ward of the incident, and the gender and age of the patient.

The chart below provides details of inpatient suicides for the periods requested.

The Trust is unable to provide the specific incident details for each incident because the numbers are low and details could potentially make the individuals identifiable. The Trust is therefore applying Section 41 (Information Provided in Confidence).

| MH Inpatient Suicides | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | 23/24 |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 |

Applied Exemption:

Section 41 (Information provided in confidence):

- (1) Information is exempt information if—
 - (a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and
 - (b) the disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) constitute an actionable breach of confidence.

Publication Scheme:

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