

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Please can you tell me the number of your patients that have committed, or who are suspected of committing, a homicide by date, for each of the years 2018 - 2021 inclusive?

By homicide I mean murder, manslaughter, infanticide, or causing death by dangerous driving.

By patient I mean both community and in-patients who are either current patients or who have had contact with the trust's mental health services within six months of the offence. By suspected of committing a homicide I mean charged by the Police or found unfit to plead where legal proceedings have not yet been completed, or, where a patient has taken their own life after apparently killing someone else.

Response

The Trust is unable to provide this information. This is because the numbers above are very low and could potentially make the individuals identifiable. The Trust is therefore applying Section 41 (Information Provided in Confidence).

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.
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