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Dear

**Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act**

Thank you for your email of 26 September, making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

**Request:**

I am hereby making a request under the Freedom of Information Act of 2000 for the following information: The number of LGBT related suicides for each year since 2000.

**Response:**

The Trust is not able to fully comply with your request, and cannot provide data from 2000 to 2014. The information the Trust is able to provide is as follows:

FY 15/16: 28 Inquests in which the Coroner returned a conclusion of 'suicide/took own life'.

Of these, 16 of the deceased were male, 11 of the deceased were female and 1 patient was transitioning from male to female\*.

FY 16/17: (As of 12/06/17) 21 Inquests in which the Coroner returned a conclusion of 'suicide/took own life'.

Of these, 13\* of the deceased were male and 8 of the deceased were female.

\*One of the male patients had been referred to a Transgender Clinic in relation to gender identity issues.

LGBT is not recorded in the legal services administrative system.

The Trust is unable to otherwise comply with your request as to do so would require the Trust to exceed the appropriate limit. LGBT has not always been a data item required in NHS mandatory data sets, and not therefore recorded in a structured or reportable form. The Trust would have to search for and manually review hundreds (a minimum of 500) of electronic and paper based health records in order to establish if information were present and then collate the information you require. To provide the information requested based on identifying searches of 5 minutes per record, would involve a minimum of 41 hours work. The appropriate limit set in regulation by section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act is 18 hours.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Underwood

Head of Information Governance