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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 10 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 would like to know the total number of deaths of registered psychiatric or mental health patients resulting from suicide, preferably broken down into totals for inpatients and outpatients, each year from 2010 to 2018 (or as recently as is available).

I would also like information for each of the years 2010-2018 about:

How many deaths by suicide have been ruled to be as a result of NHS errors within the Trust (as a result of an inquest or other formal procedure)?

How many patients have been treated within the Trust for mental health issues in total in each year from 2010- present (or as recently as is available)

Response:

The Trust is able to provide the information in the following table which includes only patients open to mental health services at time of death. We have included open verdicts and suicide verdicts as defined by a coroner, if a death has not been reviewed at an inquest yet this has not been included(*).

We are not able to answer the following question 'How many deaths by suicide have been ruled to be as a result of NHS errors within the Trust (as a result of an inquest or other formal

procedure)?' as this is not the role of a coroner or the NHS SI process. Both processes are about learning and preventing a similar future death.

DOD (Year)	Open Verdicts (defined by coroner)	Suicide (defined by coroner)	Total	Number of distinct patients seen by mental health services
2014	3	13	16	not available
2015	2	18	20	28,132
2016	4	21 (includes 2 detained patients on S17 leave)	25	34,726
2017	1 (detained patient on S17 leave)	9	10	37,107
2018 (up to June 2018*)	2	5	7	26,896

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

