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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Patient safety Incidents.

You asked:

- 1. Please can you send me the information from those reviews, including any written or verbal/transcribed descriptions of the incidents?*
- 2. How old were the three people?*
- 3. In which hospital did these patient safety incidents occur?*
- 4. In which hospital did the patients die?*
- 5. Why they were originally admitted to hospital?*
- 6. What was the cause of death in each case?*
- 7. Please can you provide an explanation for each event? What happened? What kind of patient safety incident was each incident?*
- 8. On what date did each patient safety incident occur?*
- 9. On what date did each patient die?*
- 10. Was compensation awarded?*
- 11. If so, how much, in each case?*
- 12. Was anyone at the trust found to be at fault?*
- 13. If so, by which body, external or internal, and what accusation was made?*

Trust response:

1. The information requested is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 36 as the Trust is not required to provide information in response to a request if the information would prejudice or would be likely to prejudice “the effective conduct of public affairs.”
2. All adult. Due to the very small number of cases and in order to protect patient confidentiality the Trust has therefore decided that such requests will normally be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998.

3. Two incidents occurred at Tunbridge Wells Hospital Pembury and one at Maidstone Hospital.
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7. 2 x treatment delay and 1 x Medication incident.
8. Between October 2017 and March 2018
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10. 1 – yes, 2 – pending
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12. Case review found no one person to be responsible for the incidents and that there had been process failures which resulted in the incidents.
13. Not applicable.