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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 drug related deaths.

You asked:

How many drug-related deaths were recorded by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust each year, for the years? 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019

The Trust asked for clarification as follows, Can you please confirm if you mean the number of drug overdose related deaths and does this include alcohol?

The Trust will be able to find patients that have died with this diagnosis code but cannot specifically say that is what they died from. Can you please confirm that you wish us to proceed with your request once clarification has been received?

You replied, I would like to confirm I mean the number of drug overdose related deaths.

Trust response:

We have run the report that has been requested and have used all codes relating to a drug overdose (without alcohol) which has been either intentional self-harm or accidental.

There have been two recorded deaths within the four year range.

Due to the very small number of cases and in order to protect patient confidentiality the Trust has decided that further information be refused using

the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998.