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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 the deaths of patients with learning difficulties

You asked:

- 1. Please can you tell me how many deaths among patients with learning disabilities the trust has recorded in the following years - 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21.*
- 2. Please can you tell me how many of these deaths among patients with learning disabilities were categorised as Serious Incidents? Please provide the total number for each year.*
- 3. If possible, please provide the outcome of each of these Serious Incidents.*

Trust response:

1.

Contract Year	Number of Patients
2016/2017	2
2017/2018	3
2018/2019	12
2019/2020	10
2020/2021	18
2021/2022 (up to 26 th May)	2

2. & 3.

In order to answer this part of the request it would involve the manual checking of individual patient records that were involved in an SI to determine if they had a learning disability. Our SI's are declared based on a care and service delivery issue i.e. a treatment delay and therefore it is not obviously apparent whether the patient involved has a learning disability and moreover it often is not relevant to the investigation.

The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.