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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 removals from waiting list for reason "died".

You asked:

For each of the separate periods (1) 2017-18, (2) 2018-19, (3) 2019-20, (4) 2020-21, and (5) April-August 2021, please provide:

- 1. The number of pathways on the trust's elective waiting list(s) at the beginning of the period (also known as incomplete pathways).*
- 2. The number of times during the period a pathway (person/instance) has been removed from that/those lists*
- 3. A breakdown of the number of reasons for the removals, for all the reasons held/recorded, including for the reason that the person died.*

Trust response:

Q1 and Q2 can be answered by the published RTT data on the NHS England website <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/> and is therefore exempt under Section 21 of the Act.

The data is split into financial years on the website and includes the requested years of 2017/18 onwards.

For Q1 please see "Incomplete pathway" data on the website.

For Q2 please see completed pathway data under the headings "Admitted pathways" and "Non-admitted pathways"

The following is an excerpt from the website describing the data that is available:

- Incomplete pathways are waiting times for patients waiting to start treatment at the end of the month.
- Admitted pathways are waiting times (time waited) for patients whose treatment started during the month and involved admission to hospital (until September 2015 adjustments were made to admitted pathways for clock pauses, where a patient had declined reasonable offers of admission and chose to wait longer).
- Non-admitted pathways are waiting times (time waited) for patients whose treatment started during the month and did not involve admission to hospital

Q3. Please note: We are able to provide the information starting from April 2020.

The Trust's new RTT system that went live in April 2020 collects the RTT pathway status and therefore can provide the reason that a clock period has been stopped reasonably accurately. The previous RTT system that was used until March 2020 did not collect the same degree of detail.

Please see the following table:

RTT pathway status code and description (some descriptions may apply to a subsequent clock that started - on the same pathway - soon after the original clock was stopped)	April 2020 – March 2021	April - August 2021
10 FIRST ACTIVITY - FIRST ACTIVITY IN A REFERRAL TO TREATMENT PERIOD	1517	841
11 ACTIVE MONITORING END-FIRST ACTIVITY AT THE START OF A NEW REFERRAL TO TREATMENT PERIOD	281	450
12 CONSULTANT REFERRAL-THE FIRST ACTIVITY AT THE START OF A NEW REFERRAL TO TREATMENT PERIOD	32	32
20 SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITY DURING REFERRAL TO TREATMENT PERIOD-FURTHER ACTIVITIES	6115	2718
21 TRANSFER TO ANOTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER - SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITY BY ANOTHER	101	22
30 FIRST TREATMENT-THE START OF FIRST DEFINITIVE TREATMENT	7325	7089
31 START OF ACTIVE MONITORING INITIATED BY THE PATIENT	704	401
32 START OF ACTIVE MONITORING INITIATED BY THE CARE PROFESSIONAL	15236	6341
33 FAILURE TO ATTEND - PATIENT FAILED TO ATTEND THE FIRST CARE ACTIVITY AFTER THE REFERRAL	1773	1203
34 DECISION NOT TO TREAT- OR NO FURTHER CONTACT REQUIRED	27178	14126
35 PATIENT DECLINED OFFERED TREATMENT	3764	2749
36 PATIENT DIED BEFORE TREATMENT	75	23
90 AFTER TREATMENT-FIRST TREATMENT OCCURRED PREVIOUSLY (E.G. ADMITTED AS AN EMERGENCY FROM A&E)	46	10
91 ACTIVE MONITORING - CARE ACTIVITY DURING PERIOD OF ACTIVE MONITORING	2483	1452
92 NOT YET REFERRED FOR TREATMENT, UNDERGOING DIAGNOSTIC TESTS BY G.P. BEFORE REFERRAL	0	1
98 NOT APPLICABLE - ACTIVITY NOT APPLICABLE TO REFERRAL TO TREATMENT PERIODS	810	118
99 NOT YET KNOWN	18	3
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