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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 waiting list removals.

You asked:

1. Please can you tell me how many patients have been removed from waiting lists at the trust because they have died, for each of the following years:

- a) 2021 to date*
- b) 2020*
- c) 2019*
- d) 2018*
- e) 2017*

2. Please also tell me whether the trust has any policies to limit the number of new referrals for any of the following procedures:

- a) Hernia repair*
- b) Cataract surgery*
- c) Hip and knee replacements*

3. If yes to question 2, please could you provide more details and also let me know when these policies came into place?

Trust response:

1. The number of patients who died whilst on the Referral To Treatment (RTT) waiting list for treatment has been derived from the Trust's monthly RTT part 1a and 1b submissions.

This includes all RTT patients, whether they were waiting for an inpatient admission or were on an outpatient pathway.

This data is only readily available from April 2020 when the Trust changed to its current system for RTT data collection.

a) & b)

2020									2021					
Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2	1	5	3	4	3	3	8	7	12	12	13	6	8	3

c) Information not available

d) Information not available

e) Information not available

2.

a) I have been unable to get a response to this question. Please contact me again if you wish me to continue to chase the response.

b) No

c) No

3.

a) Please see the response to Q2a)

b) Not applicable

c) Not applicable