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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 – 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 to date.*
- 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. Please note this response is for Inpatients only. We are unable to identify patients with learning disabilities in A&E.

The following patients were assigned a code for a diagnosis of (true) learning disability when documented or when the patient is seen by Learning Disability Liaison nurse or their team. True learning disability is impairment of skills manifested during the development period; skills which contribute to the overall level of intelligence, such as cognitive language, motor, and social abilities and scholastic disorder (i.e. problems with reading, spelling or arithmetic).

For 2021-2022 we have 1 patient who has this code and died in Hospital.

For 2022-2023 to 09 February we have 4 patients who have this code and died in Hospital.

If the documentation is not clear whether the patient is seen by Learning Disability team, then the most common code assigned for unspecified diagnosis of 'LEARNING DISABILITY' is F81.9.

For 2021-2022 we have 8 patients who have this code and died in Hospital.

For 2022-2023 to 09 February we have 5 patients who have this code and died in Hospital.

2. In relation to Learning Disability related SIs in that time period there is only one in 2022.

3. No harm caused.