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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 Specialist Palliative Care Units (SPCUs).

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

*Q1. Are there any Specialist Palliative Care Units (SPCUs) within your Trust? If yes, please provide the name and address of these.*

*Q2. Please provide information on the following within your Trust between January 2017 and December 2022 (inclusive). Broken down by year if possible:*

*i) The number of suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)*

*ii) The number of attempted suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)*

*Q3. Please provide information on the following within your Trust between January 2017 and December 2022 (inclusive), excluding data provided in Q2. Broken down by year if possible:*

*i) The number of suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults 18+)*

*ii) The number of attempted suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults 18+)*

Trust response:

Q1. We do not have SPCU's at the Trust.

Q2. As above we do not have SPCU's

Q3. The Trust does not routinely collate this data. It may be possible that this information has been entered into the patient record but in order to confirm this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. 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.