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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 Patients who died.

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

i) the number of patients who died in 2022 while waiting to receive planned care at your trust and ii) how many of those patients had been waiting for more than 18 weeks.

Trust response:

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.

(i) 59 patients died between 1st January and 31st December 2022 whilst on the Referral to Treatment (RTT) waiting list for treatment.

(ii) Of these, 30 had been waiting for more than 18 weeks.

It is not possible to say whether the cause of death was related in any way to the Referral to Treatment (RTT) waiting list for treatment time.