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Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 52312 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Mental Health Patient Deaths

Your request is set out below:

1. For each of these financial years – 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 – please state:
 - a. The number of mental health patients aged 0-17 who were in contact with the Trust that year
 - b. The number of mental health patients aged 0-17 in contact with the Trust that year who died during that year (be it as an inpatient or not; be it on the Trust's estate or elsewhere)
2. For each of these financial years – 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 – please state:
 - a. The number of mental health patients aged 18-64 who were in contact with the Trust that year
 - b. The number of mental health patients aged 18-64 in contact with the Trust that year who died during that year (be it as an inpatient or not; be it on the Trust's estate or elsewhere)
3. For each of these financial years – 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 – please state:
 - a. The number of mental health patients aged 65+ who were in contact with the Trust that year
 - b. The number of mental health patients aged 65+ in contact with the Trust that year who died during that year (be it as an inpatient or not; be it on the Trust's estate or elsewhere)

If the Trust classifies older patients as being 70+ rather than 65+, then it may replace 18-64 with 18-69 in question 2 and replace 65+ with 70+ in question 3. Please state if this is the case.

With questions 1b, 2b and 3b I am asking for figures for patient deaths that the Trust is aware of; the Trust may not be aware of all deaths of patients.

The data provided includes all patients who have been admitted or referred to our services and received care from our trust during the three financial periods.

It also includes patients who have been discharged and who died during each financial year. Please note the figures do not reflect the cause of death.

Of the 4,699 deaths reported across the three financial periods, 3936 deaths were over the age of 65 years. These patients were known to (including open to services and discharged from) the older adult community team and memory assessment service. Although we do not routinely receive information of cause of death, information available shows that the majority of this patient cohort died from expected or natural causes.

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Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati
Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

The number of deaths reported in this reporting period, does not mean that the patient deaths were related to their mental health and each death is reviewed by the trust, in line with NHS learning from deaths guidance and our local mortality review governance. Any gaps in care highlighted are actioned accordingly and thoroughly investigated.

Before the introduction of the Patient Safety Incident Response Framework (PSIRF) in September 2024, the Trust investigated 319 patient deaths under the previous Serious Incident Framework (2015). These investigations were often triggered because initial reviews identified gaps in care. However, this does not necessarily mean that the deaths were caused by problems in the care provided. Overall, most patient deaths were not found to be directly linked to failings in healthcare or service delivery.

Year	Age range	Registered patients	Deceased
2022/23	0-17	986	0
	18-64	45953	253
	65+	20547	1304
2023/24	0-17	1283	1
	18-64	48393	271
	65+	20310	1309
2024/25	0-17	920	0
	18-64	34918	238
	65+	39386	1323

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

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Yours Sincerely
On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department