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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 49386 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

MH Related deaths 2020 to date

Your request is set out below:

1. The number of MH related deaths in Kent and Medway in inpatient settings from 2020 to current, or as current as you have. Figures for both adult and CYP.
(By Mental Health related deaths. I mean deaths due to or connected with MH. So suicides, self-harm leading to death, preventable deaths due to negligence or abuse or things that were attributed to patients mental health when they were in fact medical issues that were overshadowed)

Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust are commissioned to provide the adult mental health care and treatment for the Kent and Medway area. We are unable to provide data relating to CYP.

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The data provided has included all deaths recorded including:

- All suspected suicides (regardless of opportunities for learning identified)
- Deaths that were recorded as a result of self-harm (where known) and
- Any unexpected death where the cause of death was not known but there were opportunities for learning identified that led to the trust completing an investigation or review.

For the categories above, the investigation (formerly Root Cause Analysis) which now follows the Patient Safety Incident Response Framework (PSIRF) may not have identified any causal or contributory factors or 'root cause' that could have contributed to or caused the death. In most cases, we aren't able to determine this. Therefore, numbers provided in this FOI relating to 'mental health related deaths' might not be completely accurate when considering potentially avoidable deaths.

2. The number of MH related deaths in Kent and Medway by those engaging with your community support from 2020 to current, or as current as you have. Figures for both adult and CYP.
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Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

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3. The number of MH related deaths in Kent and Medway within the CJS by those engaging with NHS support in those settings from 2020 to current, or as current as you have. Figures for both adult and CYP

NHS mental health services for those in custody are not provided by KMPT. KMPT do have patients who are referred to/ seen by our Criminal Justice Liaison and Diversion service (LDR) however this is not always due to a mental health need and is offered as an all vulnerabilities screening to all individuals not just mental health patients. In most cases, individuals receive a one-off assessment with no forward referral to Kent mental health services.

4. The number of MH related deaths in Kent and Medway by those referred and waiting for engagement with your service from 2020 to current, or as current as you have. Figures for both adult and CYP

All information requested is not routinely collected outside normal record keeping. The requested information is not held centrally and is contained within the individual clinical records which cannot be extracted as a stand-alone piece of data. In order to extract the requested information and collate the results would require a manual exercise to identify and review clinical records and would exceed the appropriate time limits, as per the Freedom of Information Act 2000 section 12(1) which does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

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.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department