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Dear [REDACTED],

### **Request for Information**

I write further to your request FOI ID 41985 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Patient Deaths and Waiting Times

Your request is set out below:

**All figures provided relate to all deaths, including those from natural causes. We report unexpected or avoidable deaths as serious incidents under the national Serious Incident Framework (2015). Serious incidents are immediately investigated, and may be declared to NHS England, which triggers a Root Cause Analysis investigation. These learnings are used to implement local and Trust-wide improvements as needed.**

1. In the last 3 years, how many patients have died whilst being treated on one of your mental health units?

**1st January 2021 - 31st December 2021 – 7**

**1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022 – Fewer than 5**

**1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023 – Fewer than 5**

2. In the last 3 years, how many patients have died within three months of being discharged from one of your mental health units?

**1st January 2021 - 31st December 2021 - 34**

**1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022 – 32**

**1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023 – 33**

3. For each year, in how many of those deaths do you know the cause of death?

Please break down the data as follows:

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Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati  
Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

1st January 2021 - 31st December 2021

1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022

1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023

**KMPT is not notified of all causes of death for its service users. This is personal information that may not relate to KMPT's care or the individual's mental illness. The trust is only given this information if their family wish to inform us, the Coroner notifies us of a potential concern, or another organisation contacts us. All KMPT patients are routinely followed up on discharge from a mental health hospital in line with national policy.**

4. On the 1st January each year, for the last three years, how many people have been waiting longer than 18 weeks for your services?

**1st January 2021 - 1975**

**1st January 2022 - 2058**

**1st January 2023 – 1705**

**The figures above relate solely to community-based services. The trust aims to ensure patients receive swift access to community treatment and closely monitors the number of people waiting for its services in order to produce bespoke action plans to improve wait times, where needed. KMPT is also in the midst of introducing a new programme as part of the national drive to improve access and treatments for mental health in the community. Called Mental Health Together it is designed to provide wraparound support for all an individual's needs – social as well as clinical treatment - and significantly improve waiting times. It has already begun to operate in Thanet with a roll out across Kent and Medway anticipated to be complete by August 2024.**

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