

FOI 0522/2024 Response

Request

Dear FOI Team,

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your organisation. I am a Doctor of Nursing student exploring the incidences of death within UK-based forensics healthcare units. The data will provide the basis for a sampling strategy for a large research project looking at end-of-life care experience for patients requiring concurrent forensics inpatient care within the UK.

1. How many patients died between 1 January 2021 and 31st December 2023 while receiving care in a forensic in-patient ward/unit?
Please separate these based on level of security, i.e. High, Medium, and Low security and geographical location.

Response

The Trust is unable to provide a response to your query in the requested format.

This is because the number of deaths in each year are considerably low.

Providing the low number of deaths in conjunction with geographical location, and level of security provides granular details that if disclosed would, or would be likely to, compromise the mental health of the relatives of the deceased.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

However, the Trust can confirm that between the 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2023, there have been a total of 5 deaths.