

FOI 0286_2024 Response

Request

Please can you tell me the number of your patients that have committed, or who are suspected of committing, a homicide by date, for each of the years 2018 – 2023 inclusive?

By Homicide I mean murder, manslaughter, infanticide, or causing death by dangerous driving.

By Patients I mean both community and in-patients of mental health services who are either current patients or who have had contact with the trust within six months of the offence.

By suspected of committing a homicide I mean charged by the Police or found unfit to plead where legal proceedings have not yet been completed, or, where a patient has taken their own life after apparently killing someone else.

As I understand these incidents would normally trigger a Trust Serious Incident investigation, and there would presumably be correspondence with the National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Homicide by people with mental illness (NCISH), I trust this information will be relatively easy to collate.

Response

Please see the table below and note the following key points:

- The data is in relation to the number of incidents categorised as a homicide (confirmed or suspected) by an in-patient or community mental health patient between 2018 and 2023.
- We are unable to report on whether the patient was charged by the police or involved in legal proceedings as this is not recorded on our systems.

Year	Incidents
2018	2
2019	0

2020	1
2021	0
2022	3
2023	1