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Thank you for your request concerning absconson and suicides over the past five calendar years (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017)?

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

- 1. The number of patients who have absconded from units after being admitted for mental health care over the last five calendar years? Please break this down by year. For the purpose of this I am defining absconding to mean when a patient leaves the ward, hospital or an escort without prior agreement or consent from the clinical team.**

Please see below for the number of patients who have absconded.

	AWOL (detained MHA)	Abscond during escorted leave (detained MHA)	Missing (informal)	Total
<b>2013</b>	33	5	62	100
<b>2014</b>	36	3	52	91
<b>2015</b>	43	14	40	97
<b>2016</b>	37	11	55	103
<b>2017</b>	17	15	70	102

2. The number of inpatients who committed suicide while under NHS Trust care in the last five years? Please break this down by year and provide any additional information about their death (e.g. how it took place and whether any investigations were launched around duty of care as a result)

Please see below the number of deaths of inpatients who were under NHS Trust care at the time of their death, which received a Suicide or Open conclusion at inquest. We have further broken this down by type of death and type of investigation that followed.

Note: None of these deaths occurred on our wards.

	Number of inpatient deaths receiving a Suicide or Open Conclusion at Inquest	Unknown	Fall from height	Fatal collision with a Train	Serious Incident Investigations
2013	2	1	1	0	2
2014	0	0	0	0	0
2015	0	0	0	0	0
2016	1	0	0	1	1
2017	0	0	0	0	0

3. The number of inpatients who committed suicide while under NHS Trust care over the last five years? Please break this down by year and, if possible, detail how many individual self-harm attempts there were per patient.

Please see below the number of self-harm attempts recorded for the inpatients identified above who received a Suicide or Open conclusion at inquest.

	Number of Self Harm attempts
2013	0
2014	0
2015	0
2016	0
2017	0

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

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**Information Rights Officer**

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