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Thank you for your request concerning the number of deaths citing malnutrition.

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of deaths where malnutrition was cited as a primary cause	0	0	0	*
Number of deaths where malnutrition was cited as a primary cause and the deceased was aged 65 or over	0	0	0	0
Number of deaths where malnutrition was cited as a primary cause and the deceased was aged 18 or under	0	0	0	0
Number of deaths where malnutrition was cited as a secondary cause	0	0	*	0
Number of deaths where malnutrition was cited as a secondary cause and the deceased was aged 65 or over	0	0	*	0
Number of deaths where malnutrition was cited as a secondary cause and the deceased was aged 18 or under	0	0	0	0

Caveat: Primary cause is where the cause of death was confirmed at Part 1a, 1b or 1c of the death certificate as malnutrition; Secondary cause is where the cause of death has malnutrition at Part 2.

* Although there are no special exemptions in FOIA for information about the deceased, we consider the breakdown of information requested to be sensitive and an actionable breach of confidence if disclosed. Therefore we have applied Section 41 to your request due to the small numbers of service users involved. This is because entries of 5 or less are considered sufficiently small enough to be potentially identifiable data. On this basis, this information is exempt from the duty to publish.

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

Sue Smith

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Information Rights Officer

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).



