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Thank you for your request concerning Inpatient Self-Harm, Suicide And Deaths.

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

- 1. How many reports have there been about self-harm incidents among inpatients in your mental health unit from February to June 2020, and the years 2019, 2018? I require this information broken down by month for all years.**

PLEASE NOTE: The data provided is for mental health inpatient units, psychiatric intensive care unit, elderly inpatient services, CAMHS inpatient services and our Mother and Baby Unit.

Actual Self Harm	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	20	46	30	59	42	21	21	21	17	26	12	15
2019	57	24	51	34	62	43	77	62	104	96	39	58
2020		45	83	88	86	84						

- 2. How many suicide attempts have there been among inpatients in your mental health units from February to June 2020, and the years 2019, 2018? I require this information broken down by month for all years.**

* Due to the small numbers of attempted suicides we have applied Exemption Section 40(2). 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 publish¹.

However, under S16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance we have provided you with the annual total.

Attempted Suicide	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2018	*	*	7	*	*	0	0	*	*	*	*	0	25
2019	*	0	*	0	*	*	6	*	*	7	*	*	34
2020		*	*	0	*	*							11

- 3. How many inpatients in mental health units have died at your trust from February to June 2020, and the years 2019, 2018? I require this information broken down by month for all years. Please**

¹ Section 40(2) - Personal Data has been applied. This is because by releasing this information could identify individual(s) and constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act (2018).

provide information to the cause of death (if known) or if an inquest was followed up to determine the cause.

PLEASE NOTE: The data provided relates to deaths that occurred on the ward, i.e. not those that were transferred to an acute hospital prior to death.

* 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 deaths per month. This is because entries of 5 or less are considered sufficiently small enough to be potentially identifiable data. Again, on this basis, this information is exempt from the duty to publish².

Again, under S16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance we have provided you with the annual total.

Deaths	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2018	8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	34
2019	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	*	*	16
2020		*	*	12	*	*							23

We are unable to provide you with the causes of death. This is not always provided to the Trust and therefore would not be recorded on our systems. Again under S16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance, we suggest you contact the Coroner’s Office.

Under S16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance we would like to suggest you contact the Coroner’s Office.

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

**Sue Smith
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](#).



² Section 41 – Disclosure would constitute a breach of confidence