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Our Ref: FOI/03991

Thank you for your request concerning Eating Disorder Treatment And Deaths.

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

- How many eating disorder patients under the care of your trust (inpatient and outpatients) have died in the last five calendar years 2017, 2018,2019,2020 and 2021 so far (please stipulate which date your records go up to)?**

**Please can you also say whether there was a cause of death identified in these cases, whether a follow-up inquest was conducted and any complaints made with regards to care received?**

**NB: Please note that this should include patients who were treated privately but under the care of the trust.**

Some of this information is already in the public domain<sup>1</sup>. Please follow this [link](#) to our response to you giving information for 2017, 2018 and 2019. (FOI 3558)

Due to the small number of eating disorder deaths we have applied Exemption Section 40(2)<sup>2</sup>. 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.

Please see below for updated information.

	Number of Deaths	Cause of Death Identified	Inquest Held	Complaint Received
2020	Less than 5	Yes	No	No
2021	0			

- How many eating disorder patients have been sent to private facilities for treatment in the last five calendar years 2017, 2018,2019,2020 and 2021 so far (please stipulate which date your records go up to)? Please also include the length of stay and cost of service if possible.**

Zero; HPFT is not is not responsible for providing or commissioning eating disorder beds, they are dealt with by NHSEI.

<sup>1</sup> Section 21 – Information is accessible through other means

<sup>2</sup> 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).

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](#).

