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Thank you for your request concerning patient deaths.

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

- A list of the total number of patient deaths that occurred among people admitted to adult acute mental health inpatient wards from January 2015 to December 2022, broken down by year.**

Year	Number of inpatient deaths (adult acute mental health wards)
2015	5 or less
2016	5 or less
2017	5 or less
2018	5 or less
2019	5 or less
2020	5 or less
2021	5 or less
2022	5 or less

Although there are no special exemptions in FOIA for information about the deceased, we consider the release of this information to be sensitive and an actionable breach of confidence if disclosed. Therefore we have applied Section 41 to your request for a yearly breakdown of service user inpatient deaths due to the small numbers.

This is because once broken down into years the number of deaths would be less than 5. 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.

However, under Section 16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance I can confirm that in the past 8 years there have been 13 acute mental health inpatient deaths.

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](#).

