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Our Ref: FOI/04804

Thank you for your request concerning adult MH deaths - detained.

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

**Please find attached a freedom of information request in relation to the deaths of patients detained under the Mental Health Act 1983.**

Please see attached spreadsheet as requested.

Although there are no special exemptions in FOIA for information about the deceased, we consider the of breakdown into non detained in-patient service user deaths to be sensitive and an actionable breach of confidence if disclosed. Therefore we have applied Section 41 due to the small numbers.

This is because the number of deaths would be 5 or less and 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*

**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](#).

