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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 35250 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding:-

Suicides as inpatients

Your request is set out below:

The total number of deaths, recorded as suicide, of inpatients at the trust in the years:

Due to the low numbers involved in the response to your request I would like to confirm that we are unable to release the information. We are not obliged, under section 40 (2) FOIA to provide information that is personal information of another person if releasing would contravene any of the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018. In this instance we believe that the figures are significantly low enough that identification of those involved could be made, and would therefore contravene the first Data Protection principle, therefore section 40 (2) is engaged.

The terms of this exemption in the freedom of information act mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information

The total number of deaths, recorded as suicide, of inpatients being treated within Child, Adolescent, Mental Health Services (CAMHS) at the trust in the years:

Kent and Medway NHS Partnership Trust is an adult mental health Trust. Children's mental health services are provided by our partner North East London Foundation NHS Trust (NELFT). They will be better placed to help with this query.

The total number of Patient Safety Incidents Reports produced at the trust within CAMHS where the level of severity was classed as "death" in the years:

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Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati
Chief Executive – Helen Greatorex

KMPT is committed to providing all patients and staff with a safe and secure environment. All staff adhere to the KMPT policies and procedures on safeguarding and receive mandatory safeguarding and suicide awareness training, with all front-line practitioners undertaking Level 3 safeguarding training.

All service users have an individual clinical risk assessment in place where personalised support and incidents of self-harm are logged on our incident management information system and reviewed by managers to identify any areas where our service can be improved.

Serious incidents (which would include attempted suicide) are immediately investigated, and may be declared to NHS England, which triggers a Root Cause Analysis investigation. Learnings from serious incidents and any complaints received by the Trust are used to implement local and Trust-wide improvements as needed.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department