

## **NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust**

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## **Request for Information**

I write further to your request FOI ID 48400 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Patient Deaths due to problems with care

Your request is set out below:

Under the Freedom of Information Act please could you provide the total number of deaths considered to have been due to problems in care in Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust for the periods:

- 1. 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020
- 2. 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021
- 3. 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022
- 4. 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023
- 5. 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

To clarify, this is not a request asking for the total number of deaths but is specifically concerning those which are deemed to be due to problems in care.

All information requested is not routinely collected outside normal record keeping of a clinical record. The requested information is not held centrally and is contained within the individual clinical records and archive systems which cannot be extracted as a standalone piece of data. In order to extract the requested information and collate the results would require a manual exercise to identify and review clinical records and would exceed the appropriate time limits, as per the Freedom of Information Act 2000 section 12(1) which does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

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.

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On Behalf of The Information Governance Department