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Dear Mr Julian

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information Request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act which was received on 31 January 2017. I can confirm that we hold part of the information you have requested. You asked the following questions, reproduced in **bold** below:

1a) total number of deaths that have occurred at the Trust in each of the last five years (please provide data broken down by year)

The Trust does not hold records of **all** deaths only the ones we deal with which are referred to the Coroner

1b) the number of these deaths that were classified as unexpected

The Trust does not hold this information

2a) total number of deaths that have been referred to the Coroner by the Trust in each of the last five years

2016 – 275
2015 – 145
2014 – 191
2013 – 256
2012 – 175

2b) of these, the number of deaths of patients with a learning disability referred to the Coroner

The Trust does not hold this information

3a) total number of deaths of patients with a learning disability that have occurred at the Trust in each of the last five years

The Trust does not hold this information

3b) of these, the number of these deaths of patients with a learning disability that were classified as unexpected

The Trust does not hold this information

4a) total number of deaths at the Trust reported as an incident on the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS) in each of the last five years

2016 – 31
2015 – 13
2014 – 26
2013 – 28
2012 – 6

4b) total number of deaths at the Trust reported on Strategic Executive Information System (STEIS) in each of the last five years

2016 – 31
2015 – 11
2014 – 17
2013 – 16
2012 – 6

4c) if possible, please indicate the number of these that relate to patients with a learning disability

Unknown

5a) total number of initial 72-hour reviews into deaths (as defined by the NHS Serious Incident Framework) in each of the last five years

2016 – 31
2015 – 11
2014 – 72 hour reports only started in 2015/16
2013 – 72 hour reports only started in 2015/16
2012 – 72 hour reports only started in 2015/16

5b) total number of investigations into deaths (as defined by the NHS SI Framework) in each of the last five years - please provide data broken down by severity, Level 1 internal investigations, Level 2 comprehensive internal investigations, Level 3 independent investigations. Please also indicate whether the numbers refer to investigations opened or completed.

2016 – 31 (21 open, 10 closed)
2015 – 11 (3 open, 8 closed)
2014 – 17 (all closed)
2013 – 16 (all closed)
2012 – 6 (all closed)

All the above are level 2 internal comprehensive Investigations

If you are not satisfied with the information we have provided, you can request an internal review which will be carried out by someone not involved with your original request. Mr Paul Aitken-Fell is the Trust's Consultant Paramedic, his contact details are:

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If you remain unhappy with the outcome of the review, you can ultimately complain to:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely



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