

# Freedom of Information Request

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**\*Note to Applicant:** As of 1 April 2017, North Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (NEP) and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT) merged to form one new organisation known as Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT).

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## Information Requested:

1. Please confirm the deaths in the Linden Centre, both Galleywood and Finchingfield wards since 2006 to present day.

NEP response: There have been 5 inpatient deaths at the Linden Centre since 2006.

EPUT Response: Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust has reviewed the response provided to you by North Essex Partnership Trust on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The Trust can confirm from reviewing the available data from the previous organisation (NEP) that the number of recorded inpatient deaths in the Linden Centre is 5.

2. Please include numbers who have attempted suicide but been transferred to A & E before their death.

NEP response: None of the 5 inpatient deaths occurred on the ward – they were all transferred to A & E before their death.

EPUT response: A review of all attempted suicides that were transferred to A & E would require a manual trawl of records and the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limits. The Trust is therefore applying section 12 exemption to this part of your request.

The Trust is unable to provide all of the information requested as this would exceed the time and cost limits, as set out in the Act. The Trust is therefore applying Section 12 of the Act (where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit):

### Exemption: Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit):

- (1) Section 1(1) 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.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.

- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
- (a) by one person, or
  - (b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated