
FOI Reference: FOI 630-1819

Title: Deaths of patients with a learning disability and serious incidents

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FOI Category: Clinical Governance / Information Governance / Incident Reporting

FOI Request:

Please would you provide the following information:

- 1) the number of deaths of patients with a learning disability that occurred in the last three years (by years defined as 1/4/16 - 31/3/17, 1/4/17 - 31/3/18, 1/4/18 to present).
 - 2) the number of deaths of patients with a learning disability reported as an incident on the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS) in the last three years (defined as above)
 - 3) the number of deaths of patients with a learning disability reported as an incident on the Strategic Executive Information System (SEIS) in the last three years (defined as above)
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FOI Response:

Due to a change in data recording methods, Yeovil District Hospital is unable to provide data for the period 04/04/16 – 31/03/17 as this is not held in a collated form.

01/04/17 – 31/03/18

6 patients with a learning disability died.

None were incident reported / uploaded to the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS). All patients were subject to an initial review and reported for a full Learning Disabilities Mortality Report (LeDeR) review with the Clinical Commissioning Group.

01/04/18 – 31/03/19

<5 patients with a learning disability died.

None were incident reported / uploaded to the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS). All patients were subject to an initial review and reported for a full Learning Disabilities Mortality Report (LeDeR) review with the Clinical Commissioning Group.

Section 40:

Whilst Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust holds the number of learning disability deaths in 01/04/18 – 31/03/19, as it relates to a small geographical area and due to the low numbers of individuals involved, we are unable to provide the exact number as it constitutes personal data relating to an identifiable individual, disclosure of which would be in contravention of the principles set out in Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). In particular, Principle 1 states that: Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully and, in particular, shall not be processed unless (a) at least one of the conditions in Schedule 2 is met, and (b) in the case of sensitive personal data, at least one of the conditions in Schedule 3 is also met. In this case, none of the schedule conditions have been met and it is considered that disclosure would not be “fair” for the following specified reasons:

- the information relates to a small geographical area
- none of the schedule conditions have been met
- disclosure, given the sensitivity of the information, could cause significant distress to those involved
- individuals have a reasonable level of expectation that their personal medical information provided in confidence will not be disclosed
- disclosure of the information and descriptions broken down as requested could enable their close contacts/families to self-identify the individual from that data

After due consideration given to this matter, we therefore decline to disclose information on gender as requested, applying the exemption under sections 40 (2) and 40 (3) (a) (i) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Additional Information/Documents:

N/A

