

Our ref: HACW-1800

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What do they know

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Dear George

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Re: Request for information under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received on 11 March 2019. You requested the following information:

FOI request - Deaths of patients with a learning disability and serious incidents:

- 1) The number of deaths of patients with a learning disability that occurred in the last three years (by financial year eg 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)

Trust response:

1) The figures provided below for the number of deaths of patients with a learning disability are deaths *reported on the Trust incident reporting system by the Learning Disabilities directorate (which may exclude incidents where another service has reported the death of a patient with a learning disability).

- 2016/17 - 20
- 2017/18 - 26
- 2018/19 (to date) - 30

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).

- 2016/17 - 3
- 2017/18 - 1
- 2018/19 (to date) – 0

Please note that most of the deaths of patients with a learning disability are deemed to be due to natural causes/physical health related, we do not report these to the NRLS as patient safety incidents.

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).

Please note that all deaths of patients with a learning disability from October 2017 are being reviewed and investigated through the national LEDER process.

- 2016/17 - 2
- 2017/18 - 0
- 2018/19 (to date) - 0

Please be aware that although this information is accurate at the time it is provided, it may not be in the future and should not be relied upon.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, your request will form part of our disclosure log within our Publication Scheme. Therefore, a version of our response, which will protect your identity, will be posted on the Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust website.

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I trust this matter has been dealt with to your satisfaction but if there is anything on which you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at the email address above. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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The Information Commissioner's address is: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

FOI Team

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