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Our Ref: FOI/IG/7465

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Dear Dean Moore

Response to Request (FOI/IG/7465)

Please see the information below in response to your request received by us on 13 April 2021. Any exemptions applied to this request are indicated as appropriate/applicable.

On 01 October 2020, University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust was created through the merger of Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and The Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Where appropriate, the information provided below is separated by hospital site.

Information Requested:

Dear University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust,

1. What is the total number of suicides you have dealt with (that resulted in death) since the 1st March 2020 up to the 31st March 2021
2. Please provide the numbers monthly and a total.

Our Response:

The Trust holds information relating to the number of patients who died with a diagnosis of intentional self harm present at discharge. This does not include information regarding intent, and therefore it is not possible to define the death as a suicide.

Exemption(s) Applied:

Exemption Status: None

We trust that this satisfactorily responds to your request however, if you feel it necessary, you do have the right of appeal against the response that we have provided. In the first instance, you should direct your complaint to our Information Governance Manager using the contact details provided at the top of this letter. If our internal complaints process does not resolve your concerns, you may also then submit a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office either by post to Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or by telephone on 0303 123 1113. You can also find further information regarding your rights under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the ICO website: <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>.

Yours sincerely,

Information Governance

Sent on Behalf of the

Information Governance Department

University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust