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Dear Dr George Julian

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

We are pleased to respond to your request for information and our response is set out below:

Request/ Response

Please would you provide the following information for your CCG:

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).

The CCG do not hold this information directly. This is held by Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Trust (SHSC) on our behalf. Please contact SHSC for this information – foi@shsc.nhs.uk.

2) the number of independent investigations into the deaths of patients with a learning disability that you have commissioned in the last three years (defined as above)

As the number of cases is 5 or less, the CCG is applying an absolute exemption to this information, as provided by Section 40 subsection 2 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as the condition laid down in Section 40 subsection 3 (a) (i)



Chair: **Dr Tim Moorhead**



Accountable Officer: **Maddy Ruff**

of the same Act has been satisfied. As this information also constitutes sensitive data under the Data Protection Act, we believe that providing information on the low numbers involved, i.e. below 5, along with other information which may already be in the public domain through previous Freedom of Information requests, could threaten patient confidentiality.

3a) the number of deaths of patients with a learning disability that have resulted in an inquest in the last three years (defined as above).

See response to Q2.

3b) of those inquests the number that were an Article 2 inquest

See response to Q2.

We trust this provides you with the information you require.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of our decision you should write to the Freedom of Information Lead, NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group, at the above address or email sheccg.foi@nhs.net, quoting the reference number above and within 40 working days of receipt.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, with regards to this Freedom of Information request, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. The Information Commissioner will not investigate your case unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Re-Use of Public Sector Information

If you wish to re-use the information you have requested, in whole or in part, please write to the Freedom of Information Lead, NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group, at the above address or email sheccg.foi@nhs.net, quoting the reference number above, stating the purpose(s) you wish to re-use the information for. You will receive a response within 20 working days of receiving your request with any conditions and charges that relate to the re-use of the information. These will be determined in line with the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005 (SI 2005 No. 1515).

Yours sincerely



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