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Dear Beth

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your original request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), received by us on **19 April 2022** which reads as follows:

According to recent news 369 MH patients under SPFT care committed suicide 20-16-2021. 7 were inpatients - 362 were outpatients.

1. Of these 1 a week suicides for 6 years - how many of the MH outpatients had a diagnosis of autistic neurology?
2. Did any of the MH outpatients with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum at any point have a Responsible Clinician with expertise in autistic neurology?
3. Is it or is it not SPFT policy to not commission specialist services for patients with autistic neurology who do not have a Learning Disability?

THE TRUST'S RESPONSE

Under the Act, the Trust has two duties to individuals requesting information: firstly, to confirm whether or not it holds the information requested and secondly to provide a copy of that information. The Trust must comply with both of these duties, unless one of the exemptions contained within the Act applies.

Under Section 1(1)(a) of the Act, the Trust can confirm that it holds information relevant to your request and this has been provided where possible below.

1. 0 (Zero)
2. 0 (Zero)
3. No

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First Contact Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Please remember to quote our FOI reference number which can be found at the top of this letter in any future correspondence.

I do hope you find the information provided helpful.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer
(on behalf of the Corporate Governance Team)