

FOI 3191

6th August 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Under FOI, I would like to request details in relation to trust health service waiting lists. Please disclose the following for the year 2024:

Question 1. The number of people who were removed from a waiting list because they died while on the list.

Response: Please see attachment 1

Please note no assumption can be made that being on a waiting list in any way contributed to their cause of death.

*The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition, the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

Question 2. A breakdown of the above figure so far as is possible for each of the many different types and categories of waiting lists.

If it is not possible to provide this information for all waiting lists due to the time/cost constraints of the FOI Act, please provide the above information specifically for cancer-related waiting lists.

Response: Please see attachment 2 and attachment 3

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