

FOI 3752

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

What are the governance arrangements which look at mortality and morbidity in the two main Southern Health Trust hospitals: Craigavon and Daisy Hill?

Response:

Monthly mortality and morbidity meetings take place within clinical services for both Craigavon and Daisy Hill hospitals. At these meetings, all mortality cases are listed for discussion as required, and any learning arising from these cases is collated and shared with the service. Morbidity is also discussed as appropriate.

Do the senior clinical staff participate in discussions covering incidents and near misses in clinical care?

Response:

Senior clinical staff do participate in discussions about incidents and near misses arising from clinical care.

Are clinical outcomes discussed and reported on by the Trust board?

Response:

Summarized clinical outcomes are reported via the Trust Board and its committees as part of the Trust's Assurance processes.

Are standardised mortality rates measured and compared with other Northern Ireland and/or UK Trusts?

Response:

Standardised mortality rates are measured and compared against other Trusts in the UK (and also NI).

Please provide relevant minutes, reports from the Southern Trust minutes.

Response:

We have considered your request and believe this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40 of Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Trust cannot provide copies of relevant minutes as individual patients are discussed at these meetings and their personal data is contained within them. This is therefore considered exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act which exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of the information would, among other things, contravene one of the data protection principles in schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act. In this case, it is our belief that disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle, which provides that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and therefore the Trust is not obliged to consider whether the public interest favours disclosing the information.

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