

FOI – 1448

2nd May 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

I am writing to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- All DATIX reports relating to patient xxxxxxx
- All medical and risk assessments which reference patient xxxxxx
- All minutes relating to patient xxxxxxx

The information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. The exemptions are:

Section 40 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act as the information is that person's personal data and disclosure would be likely to breach one or more of the data protection principles in the Data Protection Act.

And

Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act, information provided in confidence. Information is exempt if (a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority) and (b) disclosure of the information to the public would constitute an actionable breach of confidence.

The Trust has an ongoing obligation of confidence to patients even after death. The information in question carries the necessary quality of confidence in so far as it is not otherwise known or accessible to the public.

Section 40(1) and Section 41 are absolute exemptions and the requirement to consider the public interest in whether to disclose exempt information or not does not arise.

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- The exact number of attempted patient suicides which took place at the Bluestone psychiatric unit between January 2017 and January 2023

Nil

- **The exact number of attempted patient suicides which took place at Craigavon Area Hospital between January 2017 and January 2023**

To provide the level of detail necessary would require a manual review of patient records. The cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. To undertake a manual review would take more than 18 hours and is therefore cost prohibitive.