

FOI 2558

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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**Specifically, I am seeking statistics related to incidences of suicide among individuals who have engaged with the Bluestone Unit at Craigavon within a period of 0 to 36 months following their treatment over the last 10 years, including 2023 data. For clarity, I am requesting the following details:**

- 1. The number of suicides recorded among patients within 0-36 months post-treatment at the Bluestone Unit over the last 10 years, including 2023 data.**

**Response:**

This information is not centrally collated and we consider that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the FOI Act under Section 12. Section 12 makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as the Southern Trust. This represents the cost of one or more person spending 18 hours or more in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

- 2. Any available data on the demographic breakdown (age, gender, etc.) of these individuals.**

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- 3. The date range for the data collected.**

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**4. Any additional relevant information or context that may assist in understanding these statistics.**

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**5. Any information regarding dealings or interactions with the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) in conjunction with their treatment at the Bluestone Unit.**

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**6. This information includes deaths during 2023; please advise when this information will also be available.**

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