

FOI 2646

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

For each of the below scenarios please indicate how a death is recorded and how Transit times and other delays are accounted for in Analysis.

a) a death in an ambulance (either NIAS or Private) en route from SWAH to Craigavon hospital having been assessed at SWAH.

Response:

Where a patient arrives at Craigavon Area Hospital following a death in an ambulance, please be advised that this would not be recorded on the Southern Trust's core IT Systems (e.g. e-EMS and PAS). The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service may be best placed to answer this query. Their contact email is foi@nias.hscni.net

Please be advised that there is an option (Departure Method – BROUGHT IN DEAD) on the Trust's e-EMS system to record if a patient arrives into an Emergency Care Department deceased.

b) a death in Craigavon hospital of a transferred patient from SWAH who used EGS suspension pathways but died before they got to Operating Theatre

Response:

If a patient's death occurs in the Southern Trust's Emergency Care Department, the death will be recorded on the Trust's e-EMS IT System as Departure Method – DIED IN DEPARTMENT

If a patient's death occurs in a Southern Trust Ward, the death will be recorded on the Trust's Patient Administration System (PAS) as Method of Discharge – DIED-NO POSTMORTEM or DIED – POST MORTEM.

c) is a death in EGS theatre in Craigavon hospital for a transferred patient from SWAH recorded differently to one local to Craigavon hospital

Response:

All deaths that occur in Craigavon Area Hospital will be recorded on the Trust's Patient Administration System as per the response provided for question b)

d) is a death post operation for an EGS transferred patient recorded differently?

Response:

All deaths that occur in Craigavon Area Hospital will be recorded on the Trust's Patient Administration System as per the response provided for question b)

e) how are deaths recorded for those who make their own way from Fermanagh to Craigavon hospital for EGS but die en route, in waiting at Craigavon hospital, in theatre at Craigavon hospital or post operation at Craigavon hospital.

Response:

As per responses provided for question a) and b)

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