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Response introduction

The Trust's pathology department manages mortuary services, the majority of bodies are only held for short periods. Some bodies may be held longer. The reasons for example can relate to autopsy finding and toxicology. Family matters and associated costs.

You asked

1. How many deceased bodies do you have at today's date 14.06.2018 in your mortuary?

79

1a. In any of your hospitals of that number how many are unidentified?

0

1b. Or identified but no one has stepped forward to arrange a funeral service?

0

1c. Or identified or unidentified but a are being stored for some other reason?

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Please provide details of how long they have been in the mortuary and the sex male or female.

On this occasion, the Trust is not satisfied that the Public interest is served by the disclosure of deceased specific identifiable information and considers it exempt from supply. Our duty of confidence applies to deceased persons and we are mindful of the impact any disclosure may have on family members and others.

In accordance with section 16 of the 2000 Act the Trust has provided banded information.

Data range	Number of deceased
Waiting one week or less	43 patients
More than seven days but less than 31 days	24 patients
Longer than 31 days but not exceeding 120 days	Eight deceased
On 14.06.2018 – Males	There were between 50 and 55 males held within the mortuary on that day.
On 14.06.2018 - Females	There were between 20 and 25 females held within the mortuary on that day.

Legal notes

Further to our Public Interest Test University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust takes the view that this information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 41(1)(a) and (b) of the 2000 Act. The reason why the Trust takes this view is because it believes that the information contained in these questions is provided in confidence and would not be expected to be released to a third party.

That duty of confidence applies to deceased persons and our duty of care to their family members or other affected persons. Our duty to advise and assist you has been satisfied in the provision of banded information.

Attachments included: No