

Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

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Attachments	Yes

You asked

- 1. The number of patients that presented to Accident & Emergency/the Emergency Department due to issues relating to Eating Disorders from 01/01/16 to 31/12/20. Data given separately for each calendar year 2016-2020.**
- 2. The number of patients from point 1 who were discharged home without being seen by psychiatry, and the number of patients from point 1 who were discharged home without being referred to another service. Data given separately for each calendar year 2016-2020.**
- 3. The number of patients from point 1 who died within 28 days of being discharged from A&E, for each year since 2016.Data given separately for each calendar year 2016-2020.**
- 4. The number of patients that presented to Accident & Emergency/the Emergency Department due to feeling suicidal from 01/01/16 to 31/12/20. Data given separately for each calendar year 2016-2020.**
- 5. The number of patients from point 1 who were discharged home without being seen by psychiatry, and the number of patients from point 1 who were discharged home without being referred to another service. Data given separately for each calendar year 2016-2020.**
- 6. The number of patients from point 1 who committed suicide within 28 days of being discharged from A&E, for each year since 2016.Data given separately for each calendar year 2016-2020.**

Please provide the data in a table format for each point.

Our reply

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.

Legal notes:

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b), unless otherwise specified because it

Section 40(2) Constitutes personal information about living person/s

Please find the answers to your questions noting that we have redacted the data set where numbers are five or fewer and banded information that could reveal a number of five or fewer. Figures of five or fewer are considered personally identifiable information. Our approach avoids a breach of the first two Data Protection Act principles and the general right to object to processing, whilst providing you with as much detail as possible. This is in accordance with section 40.-(2)(a) and (b) by virtue of the first and second condition.

Section 41 Constitutes personal information about deceased person/s

We hold the information requested, but are unable to provide this. We can confirm the number is five or fewer. Please see legal notes below.

And

With regard to this part of your request, I regret to inform you that 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 the numbers are low and therefore the public could with this, and any other publicly available information identifies the deceased or other living persons identifiable through association. The Trust believes that the information it obtains about patients carries a duty of inferred confidence and that the release of such information would breach that trust. This duty continues regardless of whether they are alive or deceased and extends in the protection of their families from inappropriate intrusion.

Attachments included: Yes