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I am responding to your request for information received 23 May 2020 which you clarified on 5 August 2020. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Keshia Harvey  
Information Governance Manager

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**Request:**

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please would you send me the following documents:

**Question 1. The Trust's Suicide Prevention policy and any associated policies and procedures**

Answer: The Trust does not have a Suicide Prevention Policy. A report to the Trust Board details the actions taken by the Trust in the financial year 2019/20 as part of the suicide prevention strategy can be found here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/uploads/files/1/FOI/Suicide%20Prevention%20Update.pdf>

**Question 2. The Crisis Team's operational policies for**  
a. suicide prevention  
b. safeguarding  
c. risk of harm  
d. and any associated protocols and procedures.

**Clarification**

**Question 2. Beacon House, Calnwood Court and Onyx Ward, so whatever policies they have in place.**

Answer: The Trustwide safeguarding policy can be found here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/uploads/files/1/Policies%20and%20Procedures/Risk%20Management%20Policies/Safeguarding-Vulnerable-Adults-Guidance-for-Trust-Staff.pdf>

The Operational Policy for the CMHT (Beacon House) is currently being reviewed due to CMHT transformation and will be available in the future.

Please find attached:  
The Crisis Team Operational Policy  
Luton inpatient operational policy

**Question 3. I would also like to know how many suicides have occurred within 14 days of discharge over the last five years.**

**Clarification**

**Question 3. Discharge from mental health wards across the Trust, and separately specifically from Onyx Ward.**

Answer: Over the last five years, the Coroner has ruled 12 deaths as a suicide of service users who had been discharged from a ward across the Trust, in London and Bedfordshire and Luton, within 14 days.

Of these, none were service users who had been discharged from Onyx Ward.