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I am responding to your request for information received 20 May 2021 which you clarified on 26 May 2021. 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

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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**Request:**

**Dear Sir/Madam,**

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your Trust. Please may you provide me with:**

**Question 1. 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.**

**Question 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.**

**Question 3. 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.**

**Clarification: If the Trust could provide information for the number of patients who were referred to, and the number of patients who were seen by psych liaison for suicidality for each calendar year 2016-2020, that would be helpful.**

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to collate this information, staff would have to review each referral to psychiatric services, establish the reason why a referral was made and determine which this was due to suicidality as this information is not recorded separately on our clinical systems.

Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this particular part of your request as the cost of compliance and extracting your exact requirements would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 which is specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work.

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