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I am responding to your request for information received 5 October 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:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:**

**Thanks very much for your response - the speed is particularly appreciated.**

**On point 4, do you have any policy documents relating to staff suicide specifically?**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your request for information.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—*

*(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and*

*(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.*

The Trust does not hold a “staff suicide” specific policy.

**Original Request:**

Hi there,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the your trust:

Please could you provide me with:

**Question 1. The number of staff suicides in the trust in the following years: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 respectively**

**Question 2. The job roles of those at a), broken down by year**

**Question 3. Whether or not the trust has shared this information with other organisations, and if yes the names of those organisations**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 1-3 of your request for information.

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The Trust does not hold the circumstances of staff deaths. The Trust does not hold the information requested and it is therefore not disclosable.

**Question 4. Any policy documents relating to the recording staff suicides within the trust, including any policies around informing external bodies or organisations (for example but not limited to, central government or NHS bodies)**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

*(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.*

Please find below a link to the Trust's "Death in Service" policy.

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/uploads/files/1/Policies%20-%20Alisha/Death%20in%20Service%20Procedure%20v3.0.pdf>