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I am responding to your request for information received 3rd June 2019. 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,

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Information Governance Coordinator

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Request:

This is a Freedom of Information request for statistics about patient homicides.

Please can you tell me the number of your patients in touch with mental health services that have committed, or who are suspected of committing, a homicide by date, for each of the calendar years 2013 – 2018 inclusive?

By 'homicide' I mean murder, manslaughter, infanticide, or causing death by dangerous driving. By 'patient' I mean both community and in-patients who are either current patients or who have had contact with the trust within six months of the offence. By 'suspected of committing a homicide' I mean charged by the Police or found unfit to plead where legal proceedings have not yet been completed, or, where a patient has taken their own life after apparently killing someone else.

Just to be clear I am NOT requesting any personal data. I am interested in the statistics over time and at different times of the year. As I understand these incidents would normally trigger a Trust Serious Untoward Incident investigation, and there would presumably be correspondence with your Trust Board and the National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Homicide by people with mental illness (NCISH), I trust this information will be relatively easy to collate.

Answer:

Year	Total	Date
2013	5	22/06/2013 13/06/2013 24/05/2013 11/02/2013 07/02/2013
2014	2	12/02/2014 16/02/2014
2015	2	02/12/2015 04/12/2015
2016	0	
2017	2	27/02/2017 27/09/2017
2018	1	01/03/2018