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I am responding to your request for information received on 4th January 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,

Anita Crosby
FOI & Information Governance Officer

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:

Question 1. Number of serious incidents involving ligature points, occurring within the trust grounds, in the following years; 2018-19 (to date) 2017-18, 2016-17, 2015-16

Question 2. Number of patient deaths involving ligature points, occurring within the trust grounds, in the following years; 2018-19 (to date) 2017-18, 2016-17, 2015-16

Question 3. Of the serious incidents listed above how many of the patients involved were under 18?

Question 4. Of the patient deaths listed above how many of the patients involved were under 18?

Question 5. How much has the trust spent on specific programmes to tackle ligatures points in each of the following years; 2018-19 (to date) 2017-18, 2016-17, 2015-16

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your questions above as part of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Our reporting system does not record ligature incidents as a category; to identify ligature incidents would require manually interrogating each individual incident.

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.

I therefore regret that retrieval of the information you have requested would far exceed the £450 cost limit and that the Trust is therefore unable to comply with this part of your request.