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I am responding to your request for information received 30 November 2021 which you clarified on 8 December 2021. 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.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours. When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and 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 eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In order to assist you with your request, I have advised below the timing each question would take in order to assist you to refine your request. If you wish to refine your request to comply with the 18 hour time limit, please do get in touch.

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

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Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), please provide me with the below requested data relating to the services provided by your organisation, covering the following four time frames:

- a) From 1st October 17 to 30th September 18
- b) From 1st October 18 to 30th September 19
- c) From 1st October 19 to 30th September 20
- d) From 1st October 20 to 30th September 21

Question 1: Numbers of reported unexpected deaths of patients receiving care from your organisation.

(Please provide data for each of the four timeframes)

Answer: This information could be provided within the timescale.

Question 2: Numbers of unexpected deaths which progressed to Serious Incident investigation.

(Please provide data for each of the four timeframes)

Answer: This information could be provided within the timescale.

Question 3: Numbers of unexpected deaths which are confirmed as suicides (e.g. patient took the action with an intention to end their life as confirmed by Coroner's conclusion of 'suicide' or within 'narrative' conclusion).

(Please provide data for each of the four timeframes)

Answer: This question would take five hours to collate question along with question 4.

Question 4: Numbers of unexpected deaths which are not confirmed suicides but where the self-inflicted harm led to the death of the patient.

(Please provide data for each of the four timeframes)

Answer: This question would take five hours to collate question along with question 4.

Question 5: Numbers of inquests heard in respect of your patients/service users who received physical and/or mental health care from your organisation and your organisation was notified about these inquests.

(Please provide data for each of the four timeframes)

Answer: Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information and in order to collate this information, staff would have to review 500+

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inquests to establish who had mental health care alone and those who had physical and mental health care. It is estimated that this would take 42 hours to collate this information along with question 6 as it is not recorded in a searchable format.

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.

Question 6: Numbers of inquests heard in respect of your patients/service users who received mental health care from your organisation and your organisation was notified about these inquests.

(Please provide data for each of the four timeframes)

Answer: Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information and in order to collate this information, staff would have to review 500+ inquests to establish who had mental health care alone and those who had physical and mental health care. It is estimated that this would take 42 hours to collate this information along with question 5 as it is not recorded in a searchable format.

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.

Question 7: Numbers of inquests heard in respect of your patients/service users who received physical and/or mental health care from your organisation, which progressed to a legal claim for damages.

(Please provide data for each of the four timeframes)

Answer: Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

The Trust has reviewed question 7 of your request for information and in order to collate this information, staff would have to review 500+ inquests to establish which inquests progressed to a legal claim for damages. It is estimated that this would take 42 hours to collate this information as it is not recorded in a searchable format.

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.

Question 8: Numbers of inquests heard in respect of your patients/service users who received physical and/or mental health care from your organisation, where a Regulation 28 report was issued to your organisation.

(Please provide data for each of the four timeframes)

Answer: Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

The Trust has reviewed question 8 of your request for information and in order to collate this information, staff would have to review 500+ inquests to establish which inquests progressed to a legal claim for damages. It is estimated that this would take 42 hours to collate this information as it is not recorded in a searchable format.

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.

Regulation 28 reports are published and can be searched here:

<https://www.judiciary.uk/subject/prevention-of-future-deaths/>

Question 9: Please provide a list of coronial jurisdictions where the above inquests were heard from 1st October 17 to 30th September 21.

Question 10: Please provide the numbers of inquests heard in East London Coroner's Court, during each of the four timeframes.

Question 11: Please provide the numbers of inquests heard in North London Coroner's Court during each of the four timeframes.

Question 12: Please provide the numbers of inquests heard in Inner North London (Poplar and St Pancras) Coroner's Court during each of the four timeframes.

Question 13: Please provide the numbers of inquests heard in Essex Coroner's Court during each of the four timeframes.

Question 14: Please provide the numbers of inquests heard in City of London Coroner's Court during each of the four timeframes.

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Question 15: Please provide the numbers of inquests heard in Inner South London Coroner's Court during each of the four timeframes.

Question 16: Please provide the numbers of inquests heard in City of London Coroner's Court during each of the four timeframes.

Question 17: Please provide the numbers of inquests heard in South London Coroner's Court during each of the four timeframes.

Answer: Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

The Trust has reviewed question 9-17 of your request for information and in order to collate this information, staff would have to review 500+ inquests to establish where inquests were held. It is estimated that this would take 17 hours to collate this information as it is not recorded in a searchable format.

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.