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I am responding to your request for information received **29<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. 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.

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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**Chief Executive:** Paul Calaminus  
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**Request:**

**Question 1: Can you please confirm, from 2018 to present, how many black citizens have committed suicide in acute care and in community services, but still received ELFT care?**

**Answer:** It should be noted that East London NHS Foundation Trust records suicides in two ways:

- Suspected suicides - where the Trust has been advised that a patient has died by suicide, this is recorded on the Trust's incident reporting system as a suspected suicide, as it has not been confirmed as suicide by a coroner at the time of notification
- Confirmed suicides - where the Trust has been involved in an inquest and the suicide is confirmed by the coroner, this is recorded separately as a confirmed suicide.

The Trust is able to confirm only known suspected and confirmed suicides. It is not able to confirm where any citizens have died by suicide in acute care or community services whilst under the care of ELFT if it has not received any notification of this.

When recording suspected suicides the individual reporting the suspected suicide should select an ethnicity category for the patient, however not all categories specify colour, therefore the figures provided in the table below are broken down for each of the ethnicity codes as defined in the NHS data dictionary. We hope that you find this useful.

Ethnicity	01/01/18	01/01/19	01/01/20	01/01/21	01/01/22
	- 31/12/18	- 31/12/19	- 31/12/20	- 31/12/21	- 31/07/22
White - British	31	33	20	37	9
White - Irish	2	0	2	3	0
White - Other	4	5	5	7	4
Pakistani	0	0	1	0	0
Bangladeshi	1	1	2	0	1
Indian	0	1	0	0	0
Black British	3	0	2	2	2
Mixed White and Black Caribbean	0	2	0	2	0
Black Caribbean	0	1	0	0	0
Black African	2	0	5	3	0
Chinese	0	0	0	1	0
Other Asian	5	1	0	0	2
Other Mixed	0	1	2	0	0

Other Ethnic Category	0	0	0	2	2
Not Stated	7	4	9	18	10

Please also note that for the confirmed suicides the Trust do not record the colour of the patients who have died by suicide and therefore we can only provide a total figure for each year.

Please see table below for the figures available in response to your request:

<b>Confirmed suicides</b>	
01/01/2018 - 31/12/2018	43
01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019	28
01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020	39
01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021	34
01/01/2022 - 31/07/2022	15