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I am responding to your request for information received 25 April 2023. 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,



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
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Request: I am collecting evidence in relation to the end-of-life experiences of dying adults and wish submit the following questions to you under the Freedom of Information Act.

Question 1: Are there any Specialist Palliative Care Units (SPCUs) within your Trust? If yes, please provide the name and address of these.

Answer: The Trust has one SPCU: Fothergill Ward, East Ham Care Centre, Shrewsbury Rd, London E7 8QP.

Question 2: Please provide information on the following within your Trust between January 2017 and December 2022 (inclusive). Broken down by year if possible:

- I. The number of suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)
- II. The number of attempted suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)

Answer: Zero incidents recorded.

Question 3: Please provide information on the following within your Trust between January 2017 and December 2022 (inclusive), excluding data provided in Q2. Broken down by year if possible:

- I. The number of suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults 18+)

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3(i) of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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 them.*

In order for the Trust to provide this information it would have to access patient records. We do not have a legal basis to access patient records to respond to a Freedom of Information Request. Therefore, we are unable to provide a response.

- II. The number of attempted suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults 18+)

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3(ii) of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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