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I am responding to your request for information received 26 January 2024. 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  
Senior Information Governance Manager - Compliance

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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Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

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**Interim Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
**Chair:** Eileen Taylor

**Request:** This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.  
My request relates to the number of deaths of mental health patients whilst they were under your care, in the last three years. It also relates to the number of people waiting for treatment.

For the avoidance of doubt, I would like to know the number of deaths, either while the individual was a patient on one of your mental health wards, or within three months of being discharged. I would also like to know on the 1st of January, for the last three years, how many people had been waiting longer than 18 weeks for your services.

**Question 1:** In the last 3 years, how many patients have died whilst being treated on one of your mental health units?

Please break down the data as follows:  
a. 1st January 2021 - 31st December 2021  
b. 1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022  
c. 1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023

**Answer:** Please see table below:

Calendar Year	Number of patient deaths
1st January 2021 - 31st December 2021	13
1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022	13
1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023	7

**Question 2:** In the last 3 years, how many patients have died within three months of being discharged from one of your mental health units?

Please break down the data as follows:  
1st January 2021 - 31st December 2021  
1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022  
1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 40 for the FOI Act states:  
*(2) This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR.*

In order for the Trust to provide the information requested, it would be necessary to access patient records. We do not have a legal basis to access patient records for the purposes of responding to a Freedom of Information Request as this would contravene the Data Protection Act 2018 / UK GDPR. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 3:** For each year, in how many of those deaths do you know the cause of death?

Please break down the data as follows:  
1st January 2021 - 31st December 2021  
1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022  
1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023

**Answer:** Please see table below:



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Calendar Year	Number of causes of deaths
1st January 2021 - 31st December 2021	10
1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022	11
1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023	5

**Question 4:** On the 1st January each year, for the last three years, how many people have been waiting longer than 18 weeks for your services?

Please break down the data as follows:

- 1st January 2021
- 1st January 2022
- 1st January 2023

Answer: Please see table below regarding people waiting longer than 18 weeks for mental health services:

Date	Number Waiting Over 18 weeks
1st January 2021	3741
1st January 2022	4828
1st January 2023	5257



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