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I am responding to your request for information received 1 October 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,

Information Rights Coordinator

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: This is a Freedom of Information request for statistics about patient homicides.

By **Homicide** I mean murder, manslaughter, infanticide, or causing death by dangerous driving.

By **Patients** I mean both community and in-patients of mental health services who are either current patients or who have had contact with the trust within six months of the offence.

By **suspected of committing a homicide** I mean charged by the Police or found unfit to plead where legal proceedings have not yet been completed, or, where a patient has taken their own life after apparently killing someone else.

Question 1: Please can you tell me the number of your patients that have committed, or who are suspected of committing, a homicide by date, for each of the years 2018 – 2023 inclusive?

Answer: A total of 15 patients have committed or are suspected of committing homicide between 2018 and 2023 inclusive.

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.

The information you have requested relates to less than five individuals and has the potential for those individuals to be identified. The Trust is therefore unable to provide this information in a detailed breakdown of homicides per year as requested.



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