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I am responding to your request for information received 17 October 2024 and clarified on 18 October. 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:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Request:

Question 1i: The number of inpatient deaths within your Mental Health Trust since 2018.

Answer: The Trust recorded a total of 341 inpatient deaths between 1 January 2018 – 30 November 2024.

Question 1ii: The number of self-inflicted deaths by inpatients within your Mental Health Trust since 2018.

Answer: The Trust recorded five self-inflicted deaths by inpatients between 1 January 2018 – 30 November 2024. These deaths were logged as suspected suicides on the Trust's clinical incident reporting system.

Question 1iii: The number of self-inflicted deaths by those under the care of your Mental Health Trust, at the time of their death, since 2018.

Answer: The Trust recorded 350 self-inflicted deaths by patients that were under the care of the Trust between 1 January 2018 - 30 November 2024. These deaths were logged as suspected suicides on the Trust's clinical incident reporting system.

Question 1iv: The number of reportable patient safety events relating to inpatients within your Mental Health Trust since 2018.

Answer: A total of 41 reportable patient safety events relating to inpatients were recorded by the Trust between 1 January 2018 - 30 November 2024.

Question 2i: Summary details of inpatient deaths within your Mental Health Trust since 2018.

Clarification: To clarify what is meant by summary details: any details held on your systems which describe specifics of the event, when, where, how etc in a brief overview. But happy for personal information not to be included.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2i 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.

The information you have requested relates to specifics of each individual incident and has the potential for relevant individuals involved in these incidents to be identified. The Trust is therefore unable to provide this information in detail.

Question 2ii: Summary details of self-inflicted deaths by inpatients within your Mental Health Trust since 2018.

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Question 2iii: Summary details of self-inflicted deaths by those under the care of your Mental Health Trust, at the time of their death, since 2018.

Clarification: To clarify what is meant by summary details: any details held on your systems which describe specifics of the event, when, where, how etc in a brief overview. But happy for personal information not to be included.

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

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Question 2iv: Summary details of reportable patient safety events relating to inpatients within your Mental Health Trust since 2018.

Clarification: To clarify what is meant by summary details: any details held on your systems which describe specifics of the event, when, where, how etc in a brief overview. But happy for personal information not to be included.

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

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