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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013229 – Patient deaths

I would like to request the following information from Russell Hall Hospital using the freedom of information act, between August 2013- May 2014;

1) Number of patients who died within 24 hours of being admitted

For the period 1st August 2013 to 31st May 2014, 170 patients died within 24 hours of admission

2) Causes of deaths

The Trust does not code cause of death

3) If all/ or the number of the deaths within 24 hours time period which had a post-mortem

The Trust system which holds the information for question one is not linked to the system which holds information to question 2.

To enable the Trust to respond to this question it would be required to take all of the unique patient identifying numbers associated with the patients in question 1 and manually review each individual patient record in the system that holds information on post-mortems to see if they had had a post-mortem. This would require a member of staff to access individual patient records for a FOI request. Therefore we will be required to use exemption section 40 Personal Information in response to this question.