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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013258 - Patient deaths

1a) total number of deaths that have occurred at the Trust in each of the last five years (please provide data broken down by year)

Year	Inpatient Deaths	Inpatients Deaths with Learning Disability Flag
2012	1624	4
2013	1665	8
2014	1707	6
2015	1770	6
2016	1715	10

Year is calendar year (Jan-Dec) and this information is from the hospital PAS system

1b) the number of these deaths that were classified as unexpected -

There is no national standard that identifies whether a death is expected or not and therefore this cannot be answered

2a) total number of deaths that have been referred to the Coroner by the Trust in each of the last five years

This would require a manual search through patient records and patient records are exempt under the Act

2b) of these, the number of deaths of patients with a learning disability referred to the Coroner -

As 2a

3a) total number of deaths of patients with a learning disability that have occurred at the Trust in each of the last five years (please provide total number and indicate whether they were inpatients at the time of their deaths) -

See response to question 1a

3b) of these, the number of these deaths of patients with a learning disability that were classified as unexpected -

There is no national standard that identifies whether a death is expected or not and therefore this cannot be answered

4a) total number of deaths at the Trust reported as an incident on the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS) in each of the last five years -

Unable to determine as not all incidents are categorised as unexpected death

4b) total number of deaths at the Trust reported on Strategic Executive Information System (STEIS) in each of the last five years -

There have been a total of 24 unexpected deaths over the last 5 years

4c) if possible, please indicate the number of these that relate to patients with a learning disability -
This information has only been recorded in Datix since February 2016 and there has been 1 unexpected death relating to a patient with a learning disability.

5a) total number of initial 72-hour reviews into deaths (as defined by the NHS Serious Incident Framework) in each of the last five years -
It is the Trusts normal process to hold an initial round table meeting to determine the scope of the investigation.

5b) total number of investigations into deaths (as defined by the NHS SI Framework) in each of the last five years - please provide data broken down by severity, Level 1 internal investigations, Level 2 comprehensive internal investigations, Level 3 independent investigations. Please also indicate whether the numbers refer to investigations opened or completed.

There have been 24 investigations into unexpected deaths over the last 5 years. All these were Level 2 comprehensive internal investigation.

There are 6 that remain open and 18 completed and closed