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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST Ref: FOI/014990 – embolisms

5. We wish to see reports and statistics of NHS hospitals for comparison-including ethnicities, gender, social demographics of:

How many patient fatalities have happened under the Russells Hall current system following collisions or other cases where blood clotting medication was not prescribed and fatalities have occurred of embolisms.

If you are unable to provide these then advise on how to obtain them.

Please provide this for the time span of five years.

The Trust does not hold a centralised reporting tool that could access the information (to include special category information i.e. ethnicities, social demographics and medication) you have requested without it having to access and investigate individual patient records, both electronic and paper.

Access to any patient records is not authorised or approved for FOI requests and are exempt from access under Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Section 40(2) Personal Information, as action for a breach of confidence could be taken by the personal representative of the deceased person.

The deceased are still owed a duty of confidence from access to their information and so the Trust is required to measure its duty of confidentiality with its duty of disclosure under FOIA. Where there is a conflict its duty of confidentiality takes precedence.

The Trust is unable to advise you on how else you can obtain the information