

Freedom of Information request 015663

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- How many patients have been removed from your trust's waiting lists for hospital treatment because they have died? Please provide information for 2018, 2019, 2020 and first quarter of 2021. Could this please include both inpatient and outpatient cases.

Information has been retrieved from the Trust's Patient Administration System (PAS) using 'referral to treatment' (RTT) data. This is the waiting list for the first definitive treatment for both inpatient and outpatient waiting lists and this can contain thousands of pathways as this is the start of the hospital pathway.

Due to reporting changes in 2018, figures can only be provided from April 2018 and figures are by financial year.

Number of patients who passed away whilst on the RTT waiting list:

Financial Year	Deaths on RTT Waitlist
2018/19	381
2019/20	382
2020/21	525

There is an increase in 2020/21 due to the pandemic.

Please note, the figures are not limited to deaths in hospital rather all patient deaths that we have been informed of and are recorded on our PAS system.