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**Date:** 6/7/23

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Request**

I am writing to request, under the Freedom of Information Act,

i) the number of patients who died in 2022 while waiting to receive planned care at your trust

= 651 Distinct patients

and ii) how many of those patients had been waiting for more than 18 weeks.

= 536 were on waiting pathways where they were waiting <= 18 weeks

= 143 were on waiting pathways where they were waiting > 18 weeks

**Response**

Please note:- The reason for the higher waiting numbers than the total of distinct patients is due to some patients being on multiple pathways where some of those pathways were <= 18 weeks and some > 18 weeks. The counts are still of distinct patients within each wait band and not the number of pathways.

Please note, these figures have been taken from deaths data that has been cross matched with our validated RTT incomplete submissions. There is no gathered evidence of the cause of death being directly related to the condition the patient was awaiting treatment at the Dudley Group of Hospital

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
**The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**