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Date: 20th March 2024

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 2023 while waiting to receive planned care at your trust and ii) how many of those patients had been waiting for more than 18 weeks.

Response

Please find below the data for your request.

Please note:

- Deaths are not necessarily related to the treatment the patient was waiting for.
- The data provides distinct counts of patients for both questions i) and ii), however, please note that if a patient has multiple pathways with different weeks waits the patient could be included in both 0-18 weeks and 18 + weeks deaths.

i) the number of patients who died in 2023 while waiting to receive planned care at your trust

Year	Patients
2023	689

As at 31-12-23

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

	2023
18+ Weeks	210

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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