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**Date:** 20/01/2023

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

**Request**

*The number of patients who have died while on your NHS waiting list and therefore have been removed from that list due to their death or status as being deceased.*

*I would like this complete data broken down into the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and the year 2023 to date (December).*

*If possible, I would also like a breakdown of age for every patient who died while on your NHS waiting list please.*

**Response**

Age Bands	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
0 - 10 Years	< 5	< 5		< 5	< 5	< 5
11 - 20 Years			< 5			< 5
21 - 30 Years				< 5	< 5	< 5
31 - 40 Years	< 5		< 5	9	5	< 5
41 - 50 Years	< 5	< 5	11	16	25	14
51 - 60 Years	5	8	25	44	46	55
61 - 70 Years	5	5	72	69	94	99
71 - 80 Years	20	18	120	183	233	180
81 - 90 Years	14	26	123	217	196	209
91 - 100 Years	< 5	6	32	43	53	60
100+ Years				< 5		
Unknown					< 5	

These have been grouped into age bands to present the data.

Please note deaths are not necessarily related to the treatment the patient was waiting for.

Where there is <5 recorded in the above table.

As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved and cause distress to Families or Friends. Therefore, Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.

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**  
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