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**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

**Request**

1. The number of patients who have died while on your waiting list to receive consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment — and who have therefore been removed from the list due to their death or status as being deceased — between January 1 2025 and July 31 2025?  
(If your trust calls this particular waiting list something else, please use common sense and provide the waiting list data most relevant to my questions.)

1a. If possible, please tell me how many of these people who died had been waiting for longer than 18 weeks since being referred for consultant-led elective hospital treatment?

1b. If possible, please provide a separate breakdown of the ethnicity and religion of all those who died while on this your waiting list to receive consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment over this time period.

2. The number of patients who have died while on your waiting list to receive consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment — and who have therefore been removed from the list due to their death or status as being deceased — broken down into the years 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020, please.

2a. If possible, please provide a separate breakdown of the ethnicity and religion of those who died while on your waiting list for consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment in each of these years.

**Response**

Please see attached spreadsheet.

Also please note this data shows all deaths whilst on the waiting list for treatment, however the death may be totally unrelated to the condition that the patient is on the waiting list for.

For a copy of the spreadsheet please contact [dgft.foi@nhs.net](mailto:dgft.foi@nhs.net) quoting reference FOI-082025-0001826

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

Yours sincerely

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