

FOI REF: 21/197

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

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.

Please see the table below for the number of patients that have died that were on East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's waiting lists for hospital treatment:

Waiting List	2018	2019	2020	2021
Outpatient Wait List	931	1714	2026	679
RTT Pathways	6	2	4	2
Treatment Wait List	342	225	228	71
Grand Total	1279	1941	2258	752

Caveat

1. Dates are based on date removed from waiting list.
2. We cannot determine if the patient died of a related illness, only that they have a waiting list removal outcome of deceased / died
3. Date range: 1st January 2018 to 31st March 2021 (inclusive)
4. Unique patient count provided, a patient will not show in more than one waiting list count above

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to Lynette Wells, Director of Corporate Affairs, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (lynette.wells2@nhs.net) quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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