

FOI REF: 23/846

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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:

- 1) **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.**
- 2) **I would like this complete data broken down into the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and the year 2023 to date (December).**
- 3) **If possible, I would also like a breakdown of age for every patient who died while on your NHS waiting list please.**

Clarification was sought asking what age bands you would like as the information could be potentially identifiable due to low numbers in each single age year. Confirmation was received as follows:

I am happy with any kind of grouping, so long as it is broken down by year also please (so age AND year for each number).

Please see the table below for the number of patients who have died whilst on a waiting list, for the periods requested:

Year	Number of Patients	<18	18-74	>=75	Total
2018	407	1	200	206	407
2019	421	NULL	203	218	421
2020	512	NULL	254	258	512
2021	572	NULL	277	295	572
2022	513	NULL	257	256	513
2023	510	NULL	263	247	510
Total	2935	1	1454	1480	2935

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

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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