



FOI REF: 24/201

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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:

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

1,052.

**ii) How many of those patients had been waiting for more than 18 weeks?**

495.

Please note the following:

1. Data provided for patients with a date of death on PAS from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023 (inclusive).
2. We cannot determine if the patient died of a related illness, only that they died while on an active RTT pathway.
3. Unique patient count provided.

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](mailto: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.

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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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