

FOI REF: 25/587

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

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI - 25-587 - Pts who died while on WL for Cons Led Treatment - Summary'.](#)

- 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.**
 - a) **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.**

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI - 25-587 - Pts who died while on WL for Cons Led Treatment - Summary'.](#)

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, 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.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Department
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FOI 25/587 Patients Who Died While On Waiting List For Consultant-Led Elective Hospital Treatment

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.)

January 1st to July 31st 2025

611 Patients

a) 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?

Patients Waited longer than 18 weeks

237 Patients

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

Ethnicity

Ethnicity Description	Number of Pts
ASIAN - ANY OTHER ASIAN BACKGROUND	1
ASIAN - INDIAN OR BRITISH INDIAN	1
BLACK - ANY OTHER BLACK BACKGROUND	1
MIXED - ANY OTHER MIXED BACKGROUND	1
MIXED - WHITE & ASIAN	3
MIXED - WHITE & BLACK AFRICAN	1
OTHERS - ANY OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	2
PATIENT PREFERRED NOT TO SAY	1
WHITE	3
WHITE - ANY OTHER WHITE BACKGROUND	10
WHITE - BRITISH	414
WHITE - IRISH	1
WHITE - OTHER WHITE, WHITE UNSPECIFIED	13
Unknown	159
Total	611

Religion

Religion Description	Number of Pts
ANGLICAN	1
ATHEIST/NO RELIGION	10
BAPTIST	3
CHRISTIAN	13
CHURCH OF ENGLAND	155
GREEK ORTHODOX	1
JEHOVAH'S WITNESS	3
METHODIST	1
ROMAN CATHOLIC	25
PROTESTANT	1
OTHER	99
ORTHODOX	1
PREFER NOT TO SAY	11
Unknown	287
Total	611

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.

Calendar year 2020

762 Patients

a) 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.

Ethnicity

Ethnicity Description	Number of Pts
ASIAN - ANY OTHER ASIAN BACKGROUND	2
ASIAN - INDIAN OR BRITISH INDIAN	2
MIXED - WHITE & ASIAN	1
MIXED - WHITE & BLACK CARIBBEAN	1
OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS - CHINESE	1
WHITE	12
WHITE - ANY OTHER WHITE BACKGROUND	13
WHITE - BRITISH	476
WHITE - IRISH	2
WHITE - OTHER WHITE, WHITE UNSPECIFIED	45
Unknown	207
Total	762

Religion

Religion Description	Number of Pts
AGNOSTIC	1
ANGLICAN	1
ATHEIST/NO RELIGION	10
BAPTIST	2
CHRISTIAN	15
CHURCH OF ENGLAND	217
HINDU	1
METHODIST	13
ROMAN CATHOLIC	26
CHURCH OF IRELAND	1
PROTESTANT	1
OTHER	132
CHRISTADELPHIAN	1
FREE CHURCH	1
MORMON	2
PENTECOSTAL	2
SALVATION ARMY	1
SPIRITUALIST	1
Unknown	334
Total	762

Calendar Year 2021**835 Patients****Ethnicity**

Ethnicity Description	Number of Pts
ASIAN - ANY OTHER ASIAN BACKGROUND	2
ASIAN - BANGLADESHI OR BRITISH BANGLADESHI	1
ASIAN - INDIAN OR BRITISH INDIAN	1
MIXED - ANY OTHER MIXED BACKGROUND	2
MIXED - WHITE & BLACK CARIBBEAN	1
OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS - ANY OTHER GROUP	2
OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS - CHINESE	1
OTHERS - ANY OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	2
PATIENT PREFERRED NOT TO SAY	2
WHITE	6
WHITE - ANY OTHER WHITE BACKGROUND	17
WHITE - BRITISH	525
WHITE - IRISH	4
WHITE - OTHER WHITE, WHITE UNSPECIFIED	45
Unknown	224
Total	835

Religion

Religion Description	Number of Pts
AGNOSTIC	1
ANGLICAN	1
ATHEIST/NO RELIGION	16
BAPTIST	3
CHRISTIAN	25
CHURCH OF ENGLAND	226
GREEK ORTHODOX	1
HINDU	1
JEWISH	5
METHODIST	6
ROMAN CATHOLIC	38
MUSLIM	1
OTHER	153
NON CONFORMIST	1
ORTHODOX	3
PENTECOSTAL	1
UNITED REFORM CHURCH	3
BAHA'I	1
PREFER NOT TO SAY	2
Unknown	347
Total	835

Calendar Year 2022**917 Patients****Ethnicity**

Ethnicity Description	Number of Pts
ASIAN - ANY OTHER ASIAN BACKGROUND	2
ASIAN - INDIAN OR BRITISH INDIAN	1
BLACK - CARIBBEAN	1
OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS - CHINESE	1
OTHERS - ANY OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	1
WHITE	11
WHITE - ANY OTHER WHITE BACKGROUND	19
WHITE - BRITISH	545
WHITE - IRISH	5
WHITE - OTHER WHITE, WHITE UNSPECIFIED	47
Unknown	284
Total	917

Religion

Religion Description	Number of Pts
ANGLICAN	1
ATHEIST/NO RELIGION	17
BAPTIST	6
CHRISTIAN	17
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND	1
CHURCH OF ENGLAND	236
GREEK ORTHODOX	1
JEWISH	2
JEHOVAH'S WITNESS	5
METHODIST	5
ROMAN CATHOLIC	31
MUSLIM	2
OTHER	174
ARMENIAN CATHOLIC	1
ORTHODOX	1
PAGAN	1
PENTECOSTAL	1
PRESBYTERIAN	1
UNITARIAN	1
UNITED REFORM CHURCH	1
PREFER NOT TO SAY	1
Unknown	411
Total	917

Calendar Year 2023**1058 Patients****Ethnicity**

Ethnicity Description	Number of Pts
ASIAN - ANY OTHER ASIAN BACKGROUND	1
ASIAN - INDIAN OR BRITISH INDIAN	2
ASIAN - PAKISTANI OR BRITISH PAKISTANI	1
BLACK - AFRICAN	2
BLACK - BLACK BRITISH	1
BLACK - CARIBBEAN	1
MIXED - ANY OTHER MIXED BACKGROUND	2
OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS - ANY OTHER GROUP	1
OTHERS - ANY OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	2
WHITE	16
WHITE - ANY OTHER WHITE BACKGROUND	14
WHITE - BRITISH	648
WHITE - IRISH	8
WHITE - OTHER WHITE, WHITE UNSPECIFIED	37
Unknown	322
Total	1058

Religion

Religion Description	Number of Pts
ATHEIST/NO RELIGION	12
BAPTIST	5
CHRISTIAN	29
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND	1
CHURCH OF ENGLAND	276
HINDU	1
JEWISH	2
JEHOVAH'S WITNESS	3
METHODIST	2
ROMAN CATHOLIC	35
SIKH	1
PROTESTANT	1
OTHER	169
ORTHODOX	1
PAGAN	1
UNITED REFORM CHURCH	2
PREFER NOT TO SAY	10
Unknown	507
Total	1058

Calendar Year 2024

1017 Patients

Ethnicity

Ethnicity Description	Number of Pts
ASIAN - ANY OTHER ASIAN BACKGROUND	1
ASIAN - BANGLADESHI OR BRITISH BANGLADESHI	1
ASIAN - INDIAN OR BRITISH INDIAN	2
ASIAN - PAKISTANI OR BRITISH PAKISTANI	1
MIXED - WHITE & BLACK AFRICAN	2
OTHERS - ANY OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	1
WHITE	9
WHITE - ANY OTHER WHITE BACKGROUND	21
WHITE - BRITISH	646
WHITE - ENGLISH	1
WHITE - IRISH	6
WHITE - OTHER WHITE, WHITE UNSPECIFIED	36
Unknown	290
Total	1017

Religion

Religion Description	Number of Pts
ANGLICAN	1
ATHEIST/NO RELIGION	18
BAPTIST	2
CHRISTIAN	23
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND	2
CHURCH OF ENGLAND	226
JEWISH	2
JEHOVAH'S WITNESS	3
METHODIST	5
ROMAN CATHOLIC	31
PROTESTANT	1
MUSLIM	3
OTHER	178
FREE CHURCH	1
NON CONFORMIST	1
PAGAN	1
PENTECOSTAL	1
PRESBYTERIAN	2
QUAKER	1
SALVATION ARMY	1
SPIRITUALIST	1
UNITED REFORM CHURCH	2
PREFER NOT TO SAY	15
Unknown	496
Total	1017