

FOI REF: 26/044

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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 died while waiting for end-of-life care at your trust in each of the financial years a) 2019/20, b) 2020/21, c) 2021/22, d) 2022/23, e) 2023/24, f) 2024/25**

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- 2) **The number of patients who died while waiting for social care packages in each of the financial years a) 2019/20, b) 2020/21, c) 2021/22, d) 2022/23, e) 2023/24, f) 2024/25**

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

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Yours sincerely

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**Q1** The number of patients who died while waiting for end-of-life care at your trust in each of the financial years a) 2019/20, b) 2020/21, c) 2021/22, d) 2022/23, e) 2023/24, f) 2024/25

FinancialYear	NosPats	Delayed
2019/20	1741	0 **
2020/21	1992	0 **
2021/22	1706	82
2022/23	1966	119
2023/24	1828	157
2024/25	1828	47

**\*\* Please note we are unable to provide data prior to 2021/22 due to delayed discharge reporting practice changes throughout the period requested.**

**Q2** The number of patients who died while waiting for social care packages in each of the financial years a) 2019/20, b) 2020/21, c) 2021/22, d) 2022/23, e) 2023/24, f) 2024/25

Year	EOLC				Total Anticipated Deaths	Anticipated Deaths, not on end of life care plan or unknown
	Number	Unknown	Total Number and unknown	Yes		
2019/20	345	27	<b>372</b>	1013	1385	27%
2020/21	319	17	<b>336</b>	1286	1622	21%
2021/22	274	3	<b>277</b>	1161	1438	19%
2022/23	349		<b>349</b>	1355	1704	20%
2023/24	285	1	<b>286</b>	1325	1611	18%
2024/25	320	1	<b>321</b>	1302	1623	20%

**Please note the information provided shows patients who were recognised as approaching end of life but were not placed on the end of life care pathway as per the verification of death form completed at time of death by either a nurse or doctor.**