

FOI REF: 26/085

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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

1. **Are there any Specialist Palliative Care Units (SPCUs) within your Trust? If yes, please provide the name and address of these.**

No.

2. **Please provide information on the following within your Trust between January 2023 and December 2025 (inclusive). Broken down by year if possible:**

- i) **The number of suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)**

Not applicable.

- ii) **The number of attempted suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)**

Not applicable.

3. **Please provide information on the following within your Trust between January 2023 and December 2025 (inclusive), excluding data provided in Q2. Broken down by year if possible:**

- i) **The number of suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults aged 18+)**

- ii) **The number of attempted suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults aged 18+)**

Any deaths from suicide or self-harm falls under the jurisdiction of HM Coroner and therefore all information belong to the coroner's office.

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The coroner does not give his permission for the Trust to share information in relation to deceased persons where the death has been reported to the Coroner's Office. Coroner's Offices are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act therefore we are unable to provide you with a response to this part of your request.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at [esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net) quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully,

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