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Dear [REDACTED]

### **Request for Information**

I write further to your request FOI ID 35621 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Suicide and attempted suicide figures

Your request is set out below:

How many clients have committed suicide whilst an inpatient, please provide their Gender, age, inpatient, section, type of ward for the last 10 years period 2012 to present date

**Due to the low numbers involved in the response to your request I would like to confirm that we are unable to release the information, in full. We are not obliged, under section 40 (2) FOIA to provide information that is personal information of another person if releasing would contravene any of the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018. In this instance we believe that the figures are significantly low enough that identification of those involved could be made, and would therefore contravene the first Data Protection principle, therefore section 40 (2) is engaged.**

**The terms of this exemption in the freedom of information act mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information**

How many clients whilst an inpatient have attempted to commit suicide, please provide their Gender, age, inpatient, section, type of ward for the last 10 years period 2012 to present date?

**We cannot provide this data as we would need to review individual care records. This would exceed the S12 limitation and is exempt under the Freedom of Information Act.**

**All information requested is not routinely collected outside normal record keeping of a clinical record. The requested information is not held centrally and is contained within the individual clinical records and archive systems which cannot be extracted as a standalone piece of data. In order to extract the requested information and collate the results would require a manual exercise to identify and review clinical records and would exceed the appropriate time limits, as per the Freedom of Information Act 2000 section 12(1) which does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.**

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

**We are proud to be smoke free**

Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati  
Chief Executive – Helen Greatorex

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of  
The Information Governance & Records Management Department