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Dear [REDACTED],

### **Request for Information**

I write further to your request FOI ID 33492 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding:-

Unexpected Deaths

Your request is set out below:

2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 so far.

1. The number of unexpected deaths at the trust's mental health units (inpatients – both informal or formal (sectioned) patient). Please breakdown (a-e below) by year (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 so far) and if possible how many of each yearly total were under the age of 65.
  - a. The total number of unexpected deaths
  - b. The number of the unexpected deaths that progressed to a Serious Incident investigation
  - c. The number of unexpected deaths that were referred to a coroner
  - d. The number of unexpected deaths that was classed as suicide
  - e. The number of unexpected deaths that were not confirmed as suicide but were due to self-inflicted harm which led to the patient's death
2. The number of unexpected deaths of mental health/service users who were outpatients. Please breakdown (a-e below) by year (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 so far) and if possible how many of each yearly total were under the age of 65.
  - a. The total number of unexpected deaths
  - b. The number that progressed to a Serious Incident investigation

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- c. The number of unexpected deaths that were referred (whether by the trust or by another organisation) to a coroner
  - d. The number of unexpected deaths that was classed as suicide
  - e. The number of unexpected deaths that were not confirmed as suicides but were due to self-inflicted harm which led to the patient's death
3. The total number of unexpected deaths of mental health patients who were discharged from the Trust's services 3 months or less before their death? Please breakdown (a-e below) by year (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 so far) and if possible how many of each yearly total were under the age of 65.
- a. The total number of unexpected deaths
  - b. The number that progressed to a Serious Incident investigation
  - c. The number of unexpected deaths that were referred (whether by the trust or by another organisation) to a coroner
  - d. The number of unexpected deaths that was classed as suicide
  - e. The number of unexpected deaths that were not confirmed as suicides but were due to self-inflicted harm which led to the patient's death

**KMPT are unable to provide the requested information as we are unable to determine what would be an unexpected death without entering each record, therefore making this request exempt. 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.

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 Department