

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/585
Mental Health

Please find attached a freedom of information request in relation to the death of psychiatric in-patients not detained under the Mental Health Act 1983. For the years: 2021-22, 2020-21, 2019-20, 2018-19, 2017-18, 2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15, 2013-14, 2012-13, Total.

1. How many individuals who were not detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 died whilst receiving in-patient psychiatric care?

After considering your request, the UHB believes that Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies. Due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less), the UHB believes that, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, disclosure would result in the risk of individuals becoming identifiable. The data requested is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

2. How many non-detained patients:

- a) Died from self-inflicted causes
- b) Died from natural causes
- c) Died during or after being restrained by medical staff or police called to assist medical staff

Please see the response to question 1.

3. Of the non-detained patients who died from self-inflicted causes how many were:

- a) White
- b) BAME
- c) Not known/ not stated

Please see the response to question 1.

4. Of the non-detained patients who died from self-inflicted causes and were BAME how many were:

- a) Black
- b) Asian
- c) Mixed ethnicity. Where possible please break this down into:
 - (i) Mixed White/Black
 - (ii) Mixed White/Asian
- d) Other ethnic group

Please see the response to question 1.

5. Of the non-detained patients who died from natural causes how many were:

- a) White
- b) BAME
- c) Not known/ not stated

Please see the response to question 1.

6. Of the non-detained patients who died from natural causes and were BAME how many were:

- a) Black
- b) Asian
- c) Mixed ethnicity. Where possible please break this down into:
 - (i) Mixed White/Black
 - (ii) Mixed White/Asian
- d) Other ethnic group

Please see the response to question 1.

7. Of the non-detained patients who died during or after being restrained by medical staff or police how many were:

- a) White
- b) BAME
- c) Not known/ not stated

Please see the response to question 1.

8. Of the non - detained patients who died during or after being restrained by medical staff or police and were BAME how many were:

- a) Black
- b) Asian
- c) Mixed ethnicity. Where possible please break this down into:
 - (i) Mixed White/Black
 - (ii) Mixed White/Asian
- d) Other ethnic group

Please see the response to question 1.