

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/008**

**Mental Health**

**Information Requested:**

I am resubmitting my request so that it concerns only the total number for the 10-year period - due to the larger numbers likely to be involved it is my hope that this will avoid the data protection issue outlined above. If you are unable to provide a total for the past 10 years due to resourcing issues then please provide a total for as many years as you are able - for instance if you are unable to provide information for the years 2012/13 - 2021/22, please provide information for i.e. 2017/18 - 2021/22 instead. Please find my resubmitted research attached.

"Please provide statistical information relating to individuals who died whilst receiving in-patient psychiatric care at any facility in your jurisdiction during the time period 2012-2022. Please provide the answer in column B. I am seeking information on the total number for that time period, rather than information for each year separately. "

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

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

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

a) White

b) BAME

c) Not known/ not stated

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

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

a) White

b) BAME

c) Not known/ not stated

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

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

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

#### **Response details:**

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require hand searching through individual patient records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees' regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.