

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/188**  
**Nationally Reportable Incidents**

**Information Requested:**

**Nationally Reportable Incidents; Death of a Patient known to Mental Health Services**

Could you please provide The Annual figures your HB has reported for the above NRI.

I am not sure how easy it is to go back further but from FY 2014 if that is possible.

If any years have less than 5 cases could you combine with the following years figures so we have an accurate total at the end.

I appreciate Categorisation of this FOI may have changed recently.

I have tried to source this without success, I do not believe sec 21 applies but if you can point me in the right direction that would be equally appreciated.

**Response Details:**

In respect of nationally reportable incidents please see the below table.

	National Reportable Incidents of mental health deaths
2021	7
2022	9
2023	8
2024	2
Total	26

With regards to patients before 2021:

In completing a search for the information requested on patient deaths known to mental health services, 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 a manual search through individual 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 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') 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.

However, in accordance with our duty to advise and assist under section 16 of the Act, the UHB can provide the following data which relates to deaths of service users known to the UHB's Adult Mental Health Service since 2014.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number deaths of service users known to service</b>
2014	29
2015	142
2016	238
2017	237
2018	246
2019	179
2020	155
2021	133
2022	91
2023	88
2024 (January to March)	20