

FOI409 Response

Request

I would like to make a request under freedom of information laws.

Please can you provide me with the number of patients who have died at your mental health Trust since March 2019, split by year. Could you also please tell me, of those deaths, which patients had either tested positive for COVID-19 or had COVID-19 mentioned on their death certificate.

To clarify, I am asking for this information:

1. X patients died between March 2019 and Feb 2020
 - a. Of those, X were due to Covid-19
2. X patients died between March 2020 and Feb 2021
 - a. Of those, X were due to Covid-19

**Requester has clarified that they would like the data for both community patients and inpatients.*

Response

The Trust can confirm for March 2019 to February 2020 that there has been a total of 778 patient deaths, which consists of 770 Community deaths and 8 Inpatient deaths.

For the time period of March 2020 to February 2021 there has been a total of 1432 patient deaths, which consists of 1415 Community deaths and 17 Inpatient deaths.

Also note, that the Trust cannot confirm for our community patients the number of deaths that have been attributed to solely contracting the Covid-19 virus. This is because we are a Mental Health Trust and as our patients are community based, we cannot explicitly confirm for all community patients that have died, that their death is a direct result of contracting covid-19 or due to comorbidities.

However the Trust can confirm the following:

- There have been Nil (0) Covid-19 inpatient deaths between March 2019 and February 2020.
- From the 1st March 2020 to 23rd February 2021 there has been a total of five (5) inpatient Covid-19 deaths.