FOI 024/2022 Response

Request

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please can you tell me the number of your patients that have committed, or who are suspected of committing, a homicide by date, for each of the years 2018- 2021 inclusive?

By homicide I mean murder, manslaughter, infanticide, or causing death by dangerous driving.

By patient I mean both community and in-patients who are either current patients or who have had contact with the trust's mental health services within six months of the offence.

By suspected of committing a homicide I mean charged by the Police or found unfit to plead where legal proceedings have not yet been completed, or, where a patient has taken their own life after apparently killing someone else.

Response

The table below lists the number of incidents categorising a homicide (confirmed or suspected) by a community or in-patient mental health patient between 2018 and 2021. This response includes patients known to BSMHFT and includes our addiction and IAPT service. We are unable to report on whether the patient was charged by the police or involved in legal proceedings.

| Year | Homicide by Patient (confirmed/suspected) |
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| 2018 | 3 |
| 2019 | 0 |
| 2020 | 1 |
| 2021 | 0 |