

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-590	3 rd January 2022
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Please find attached a freedom of information request in relation to the deaths of psychiatric in-patients not detained under the Mental Health Act 1983.

Please find attached the spreadsheet completed as requested. Please note that, Older Adult Mental Health wards including dementia assessment wards are included as part of the in-patient provision.

Regarding Q1 to Q3 detailed on the spreadsheet, the Health Board has applied Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Health Board will not provide the exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). The Health Board believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data 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.

The Health Board are currently unable to provide information for Q4 to Q8 as this information is not currently recorded centrally. A new electronic clinical recording system has been introduced which should allow collation of this information.

For the time periods contained in cells B-K please provide statistical information relating to individuals who died whilst receiving in-patient psychiatric care at any facility in your jurisdiction. Please provide the total for the 10 year period in cell L.

If do not have information for any of the time periods, or are otherwise unable to provide the information for the full range of years, please provide information on any of the time periods in cells B-K.

	2021- 22	2020- 21	2019- 20	2018- 19	2017- 18	2016- 17	2015- 16
1. How many individuals who were not detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 died whilst receiving in-patient psychiatric care?	<5	<5	6	<5	0	0	<5
2. How many non-detained patients:							
a) Died from self inflicted causes	0	0	<5	<5	N/A	N/A	<5
b) Died from natural causes	<5	<5	<5	<5	N/A	N/A	0
c) Died during or after being restrained by medical staff or police called to assist medical staff	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
3. Of the non-detained patients who died from self inflicted causes how many were:							
a) White							
b) BAME							
c) Not known/ not stated	<5	<5	6*	<5	0	0	<5
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

*Please note more deaths recorded in the period 2019-20 which reflects some in-patient deaths due to the pandemic.