

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-590	3 rd January 2023
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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.