

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

Reference

21-22254 GIDS: Suicides & attempted suicides

Date sent

05/05/2022

Subject

21-22254 GIDS Suicides & Attempted Suicides

Details of enquiry

I hereby make the following requests for information under the FOI Act:

1. The number of suicides and attempted suicides by patients of the GIDS, distinguishing between patients on the waiting list and patients who had been seen for their first appointment, in financial year 2020/21 (1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021). According to FOI 21-22068:
one GIDS patient died by suicide. There was also one attempted suicide of a GIDS patient. Both patients had attended their first appointment.
Please confirm whether these numbers are still accurate or whether they need to be updated with information that has come to light since FOI 21-22068 was answered on 15 July 2021.
2. The number of suicides and attempted suicides by patients of the GIDS, distinguishing between patients on the waiting list and patients who had been seen for their first appointment, from 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2021.

Response sent

The Trust confirms that there has been no significant change to the figures previously provided and that between 1-5 individuals may fall within your request.

With regards to patients on the GIDS waiting list, there is no requirement to notify the Trust of a reason when an individual withdraws from the waiting list, or when their clinician withdraws their referral to the Trust.

In addition, the Trust may be retrospectively contacted by coroner courts and we have no control about when that may occur.

The Trust publishes limited information on suicide data on its website, where it can, and this may be reached via the following the links provided below.

Summaries of serious incidents of this nature can be found in our quarterly board reports, which can be found on this page: <https://tavistockandportman.nhs.uk/about-us/governance/board-of-directors/meetings/> For example on page 37 of the board papers from January 2022: https://tavistockandportman.nhs.uk/documents/2407/Board_papers_-_January_2022.pdf