

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

### Reference

22-23206

### Date sent

08/11/22

### Subject

Serious Incidents 2017-22

### Details of enquiry

1. The number of Serious Incidents reported at your trust, per year, between 2012 and 2022. (If time does not allow, please instead provide the number of Serious Incidents reported per year from 2017 to 2022, or alternatively from when records began, if records do not stretch back to 2017)
2. A list of the Serious Incidents that have happened at your trust in the last year (12 months) - or in the most recent 12-month period possible. For each incident, please give a brief description of the nature of the incident and what the outcome was/how the trust dealt with it (e.g. if changes were implemented at the trust to help prevent the incident from happening again)

### Response sent

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In the table below, we have suppressed numbers equal to or less than 5 (shown as  $\geq 5$ ).

Although the year alone is not personal data, the Trust considers that disclosure of these low numbers along with the corresponding year, could lead to identification of individuals when combined with other information that is or may become available in the public domain, which would cause distress to the individual, and/or their family, friends and wider community.

Financial Year	Total Serious Incidents (SI's)
2017 -2018	$\geq 5$
2018 -2019	$\geq 5$
2019- 2020	8
2020- 2021	$\geq 5$
2021- 2022	$\geq 5$
2022 – to date	$\geq 5$

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The Trust has considered the detailed nature of your question, and considers that this level of disclosure could lead to identification of individuals when combined with other information that is or may become available in the public domain, and cause distress to the individual, and/or their family, friends and wider community. Accordingly the Trust is withholding the detail of this data.

For example, where a coroner's inquest is held, linked to a Prevention of future deaths reporting (Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths), the name of the deceased is published by the coroner and placed into the public domain. Furthermore, we are a small Mental Health Trust providing specialist services. The Trust's Serious Incidents annual count in single digit figures (ie mostly equal to or less than 5 ( $\geq 5$ )), so any release of anonymized individual patient data could still lead to patient identification, and cause distress to the individual, and/or their family, friends and wider community.

We hope you will understand that for these reasons stated above, the Trust is withholding the list of Serious Incidents which occurred within the last year, and will only release the overall number of annual incidents where this is above 5.

We have received updated guidance on the release of data, and the Trust now adheres closely to the Common Duty of Confidence and the 100-year rule, following guidance from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) on disclosure controls to protect confidentiality within death/serious incidents statistics. This means, going forward, that the Trust will not, in future, publish details around Serious Incidents

We hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you are dissatisfied you can ask us to carry out an internal review of our handling of your request. You can request a review by emailing us at [FOI@tavi-port.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@tavi-port.nhs.uk). Your review will be carried out by a senior officer within the Trust. If you remain dissatisfied following completion of our internal review, you have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/> or visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/privacy-notice/how-you-can-contact-us/>.