

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

### Reference

22-23267

### Date response sent

13/12/22

### Subject

Inpatient Suicides & Attempted Suicides and CAMHS Deaths 2016/17 to 2021/22

### Details of enquiry

1. The total number of deaths, recorded as suicide, of inpatients at the trust in the years 2016/17 to 2021/22
2. The total number of deaths, recorded as suicide, of inpatients being treated within Child, Adolescent, Mental Health Services (CAMHS) at the trust in the years 2016/17 to 2021/22
3. The total number of Patient Safety Incidents Reports produced at the trust within CAMHS where the level of severity was classed as "death" in the years 2016/17 to 2021/22

### Response sent

Q1 and Q2: suicides and attempted suicides by Inpatients

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Not applicable. The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist mental health Trust which provides outpatient and mainly psychological services. We do not provide any acute services or inpatient patient care and do not have an A&E department nor provide walk-in appointments.

3. The total number of Patient Safety Incidents Reports produced at the trust within CAMHS where the level of severity was classed as "death" in the years 2016/17 to 2021/22

For the reasons listed below, we not hold a full set of data on patient deaths. The Trust publishes limited information on deaths data which have been notified to us on its website, where it can, and the links for this are also provided below.

- With regards to current outpatients, we would not always know when a patient dies, as there is no requirement to notify the Trust of a reason when an individual ceases to attend appointments.
- A family member or friend may notify the Trust of a patient's death, but this does not always happen.
- The Trust may be retrospectively contacted by coroner courts to notify us of a death, and we would note this in our patient records, but we have no control about when and if that may occur.

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

The Trust received updated guidance on the release of data, and now adheres closely to the Common Law 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 statistics. This means, since last summer the Trust will no longer be publishing data around mortality reviews which is split out by individual service and/or specific instance.

You may be interested to note that where a coroner's inquest is held, linked to a Prevention of future deaths report (Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths), the name of the deceased is published by the coroner and placed into the public domain.

In summary: for the reasons given above, we are unable to supply the level of detail for CAMHS serious incident data that you have requested.

Past mortality review data is available on our website, as indicated above, and future mortality reviews (that protect patients from identification) will be published in the same location once the data is validated.

I 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/>