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Dear

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 20/05/2021.

- 1. The number of patients that presented to Accident & Emergency/the Emergency Department due to feeling suicidal from 01/01/16 to 31/12/20. Data given separately for each calendar year**
 Please see table below.

2016-2020	Number of patients
2016	623
2017	764
2018	915
2019	908
2020	567

- 2. The number of patients from point 1 who were discharged home without being seen by psychiatry, and the number of patients from point 1 who were discharged home without being referred to another service. Data given separately for each calendar year 2016-2020.**
 Please see table below.

Year	Number of patients discharged	Number of patients discharged without being referred to another service
2016	291	217
2017	367	231
2018	432	273
2019	434	220
2020	368	200

3. The number of patients from point 1 who committed suicide within 28 days of being discharged from A&E, for each year since 2016. Data given separately for each calendar year 2016-2020.

Please find below the number of patients for each year who have a date of death within 28 days of the Emergency Department departure. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide precise figures when these are five or less due to the risk that individuals will be identified. The Trust are required to protect their identity under the Data Protection Act 2018.

In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure.

Year	Number of patients
2016	<5
2017	<5
2018	<5
2019	<5
2020	<5

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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