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Dear

RE: 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 25/04/2023. Please see responses to your requests below.

Q1. Are there any Specialist Palliative Care Units (SPCUs) within your Trust? If yes, please provide the name and address of these.

The Trust does not have a specialist palliative care unit/inpatient unit. However, we do have a specialist hospital palliative and end of life care team.

Q2. Please provide information on the following within your Trust between January 2017 and December 2022 (inclusive). Broken down by year if possible:

The number of suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)

The number of attempted suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)

Not applicable, Please see answer in question 1.

Q3. Please provide information on the following within your Trust between January 2017 and December 2022 (inclusive), excluding data provided in Q2. Broken down by year if possible:

The number of suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults 18+)

The number of attempted suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults 18+)

The Trust is not able to readily retrieve this information as we do not collate this level of detail on our incident reporting system and as such are unable to interrogate the system to enable us to answer this question. To undertake this search would require a manual search of every patient notes who were on palliative care within the timeframe specified, therefore, this would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

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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