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## FOI REQUEST NUMBER 185 2015

**Request:**

I am seeking information about the number of deaths and serious incidents concerning people with learning disabilities at your trust since 2011. Specifically:

1. The total number of deaths per year since 2011
2. The total number of deaths per year since 2011 that have been investigated
3. The total number of deaths per year since 2011 that have been recorded as 'unexpected'
4. The total number of deaths per year since 2011 that have been recorded as 'unexpected' and have subsequently been investigated.
5. The number of serious incidents recorded per year since 2011.
6. The number of serious incidents recorded per year since 2011 that have been investigated.

Please only include deaths and incidents concerning those with learning disabilities, not all deaths/incidents at your trust.

I would prefer to receive this information electronically, in Excel or Word format. If you need any clarification, please contact me at the email specified.

It is in the public interest to make this information available. Disclosure of this information can only be withheld if it is seen to cause unwarranted damage or distress to an individual or body. This includes risk to a person's safety and security. It may also include unfair damage to their career or reputation.

It does not include embarrassment, legitimate criticism or the risk of misunderstanding or misrepresentation.

In this case, there is a legitimate criticism to be made because preventing public access to this information is a clear violation of accountability, transparency and an open society.

Issues of commercial sensitivity do not qualify as a justification unless the trust can prove a causal relationship between disclosure and subsequent harm.

Compliance with the request to provide this information should not exceed the appropriate costs limit of £450 under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000.

Under your section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance I would expect you to contact me if you find this request unmanageable in any way.

I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request, and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

**Response:**

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act, I can confirm the following with further breakdowns in red:-

1. The total number of deaths per year since 2011 6 (2=2012, 4=2013)
2. The total number of deaths per year since 2011 that have been investigated 2 (1=2012, 1=2013)
3. The total number of deaths per year since 2011 that have been recorded as 'unexpected' 6 (2=2012, 4=2013)
4. The total number of deaths per year since 2011 that have been recorded as 'unexpected' and have subsequently been investigated. 2 (1=2012, 1=2013)
5. The number of serious incidents recorded per year since 2011. 0
6. The number of serious incidents recorded per year since 2011 that have been investigated. 0

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