

28 March 2018

## Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 287-1718

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request. Please find the Trust's response below.

- The number of patients who have absconded from units after being admitted for mental health care over the last five calendar years (2013,2014,2015,2016,2017)? Please break this down by year. *For the purpose of this I am defining absconding to mean when a patient leaves the ward, hospital or an escort without prior agreement or consent from the clinical team.*

Whole-Trust AWOL	2013/14				2014/15				2015/16				2016/17				2017/18			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Informal	6	6	9	8	8	13	16	12	15	27	15	12	13	20	12	5	4	13	9	
Detained	21	24	24	33	20	39	35	34	20	32	38	19	52	72	51	28	19	34	57	
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>66</b>	

*Within your definition we have reported all absconsions irrespective of the time absent .*

- The number of inpatients who committed suicide while under NHS trust care in the last five years (2013,2014,2015,2016,2017)? *Please break this down by year and provide any additional information about their death (eg how it took place and whether any investigations were launched around duty of care as a result)*

### 2013/14

**1 (inpatient on leave)**

**(Patient A – 1 incident of self-harm)**

### 2014/15

**2 (both on wards at time of death)**

**(Patient B – 0 incidents of self-harm; Patient H1 – 0 incidents of self-harm)**

### 2015/16

**2 (both on wards at time of death)**

**(Patient K – 0 incidents of self-harm; Patient S – 0 incidents of self-harm)**

### 2016/17

**4 (3 on wards at time of death, 1 on leave)**

**(Patient H2 – 21 incidents of self-harm; Patient O – 0 incidents of self-harm; Patient F – 21 incidents of self-harm; Patient C – 0 incidents of self-harm)**

**2017/18**

**Unable to report 2017/18 as no inquests are concluded and only the Coroner can determine if a person died by suicide.**

**Each of these incidents was investigated as a serious incident, and there was no reference to “duty of care” concerns.**

- *The number of inpatients who self-harmed while under NHS trust care over the last five years (2013,2014,2015,2016,2017)? Please break this down by year and, if possible, detail how many individual self-harm attempts there were per patient.*

**Please note we cannot provide the data before April 2016 for this question as the information is held in a legacy system and cannot be relied on.**

**2016/17**

	<b>Inpatients who self-harmed</b>
<b>Including Learning Disabilities Service Users</b>	<b>101</b>

**The definition of self-harm used in our reporting of self-harm incidents is ‘Any act of self-poisoning or self-injury carried out by a person, irrespective of their motivation. This commonly involves self-poisoning with medication or self-injury by cutting’.**

**2017/18**

**Unable to report 2017/18 until after 31 March 2018**

Should you have any queries in relation to our response in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request and wish to ask us to review our response, you should write to:-

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Yours sincerely,

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