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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act. This is a request of multiple parts. Please treat each part as a separate request.

Please provide me with the following information from your trust. In all references to years I am asking for the information from the entire calendar year (January to December inclusive).

- The total number of deaths considered more likely than not to have occurred due to problems in care in the trust for each quarter for which records are available As confirmed by Ruth Medlock, Juan Ballesteros, Marie Hardacre and Nicola Severein-Kirk – the trust does not hold accurate enough information to be able to answer this question.
- 2. The highest number of days of delayed discharge in your trust in of 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022

As confirmed by Samantha Sidwell – the trust does not hold this information and as such are unable to answer this question.

- 3. The longest waiting time recorded in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 for a patient to receive the result of each of the following diagnostic tests:
- a. Magnetic Resonance Imaging test (MRI)

Year	MR
2018	16
2019	17
2020	43
2021	60
2022	68

b. Echocardiogram

Year	ECHO
2018	13
2019	15
2020	25
2021	14
2022	21

c. Non-obstetric ultrasound

NOUS
9
15
50
71
80

4. The longest period of time that a patient spent on a waiting list for a non urgent operation in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. For each year, please also include, if possible, which category of operation is concerned.

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2018 99 weeks
2019 96 weeks
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2020 103 weeks 2021 226 weeks 2022 237 weeks

5. The numbers of patients removed from outpatient or elective care waiting lists with a removal reason of death, for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

2018	750
2019	676
2020	823
2021	962
2022	1124

In part 1, if these numbers are only available for patients who have not been identified as having learning disabilities, that is acceptable. The request is based on this announcement by the Department of Health and Social Care, and the 'Learning from Deaths Dashboard' template announced by NHS England.

In part 4, I recognise that it is not possible to determine the cause of death of the patient. That is not what I am requesting.

For all parts of this request, if the data to the end of 2022 is not available, then please include as much of the year as possible.

If the trust experienced any merger in the timeframes required, please include if possible the results for the separate defunct trusts before the merger, and then the results for the new trust.