

Our Ref: 647/2023
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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like the following information please.

The number of patients who have died while on your NHS waiting list and therefore have been removed from that list due to their death or status as being deceased.

I would like this complete data broken down into the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and the year 2023 to date (December).

If possible, I would also like a breakdown of age for every patient who died while on your NHS waiting list please.

I am aware a similar request was submitted some time ago but I am looking for updated data for 2023 and a breakdown of the other years also. I am noting this as I didn't want to be redirected to older, previous data. I am also aware that you cannot provide the reason for death.

Response:

We can only provide a breakdown of age from 2019 onwards.

The number of patients removed from waiting lists because they have died is:

Age Group	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Jan to Sep only)
00-39	14	14	22	10	6
40-49	22	18	22	30	20
50-59	42	50	45	75	46
60-69	109	116	141	172	125
70-79	210	278	283	381	256
80-89	276	318	326	386	304
90+	75	78	85	132	84

The data has been grouped due some numbers being small.

You will have the total figure for 2018 from your previous request.

Please be aware that this should be seen in context of the total number of patients that receive treatment.