

Our Ref: 225
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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust,

- Total number of hospital deaths per year – In 2023 we received 1659 hospital deaths at Doncaster, 428 hospital deaths at Bassetlaw and 2 hospital deaths at Mexborough
- Total number of community/coroner deaths per year - In 2023 we received 686 community deaths at Doncaster; Bassetlaw and Mexborough do not receive community deaths. This is not the same as Coroner deaths (patients who die in hospital can be referred to Coroner)
- Total number of post mortems – In 2023 Doncaster completed 106 invasive PM and referred 774 for digital autopsy at the request of the Coroner. Bassetlaw and Mexborough do not complete post mortems
- How many qualified APTs? – 2 qualified APT at Doncaster (plus 1 vacancy)
- Banding of qualified APTs? – band 5
- If you have/have had trainee APTs, what band do they start on and what band do they go to on qualification? – Trainee start on band 3, when they have completed RSPH diploma level 3 they go onto band 4 and when they complete RSPH diploma level 4 go onto band 5
- How many unqualified mortuary assistants/support workers? – 2 at Doncaster and 1 at Bassetlaw
- Do unqualified staff/support workers do post mortems? - no
- Banding for those unqualified staff? – band 2
- Do your procedures cover safe staffing levels in the post mortem room and dealing with funeral directors? - Yes
 - o If yes, how many staff per area are required for safe staffing levels? - At least 2 staff at DRI (1 qualified) and 1 staff at BDGH