

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would be grateful if you could please supply answers to the following questions:

1. How many mortuaries are operated by your Trust? (if none, please respond 'none')
2. For each mortuary your Trust operates, please provide:
 - a. The name of the mortuary
 - b. The total number of admissions per year, for the years 2020-2025
 - c. The total number of autopsies per year, for the years 2020-2025
 - d. The types of autopsy completed (e.g. consented hospital coroners, community coroners, paediatric, forensic, category 3 high-risk)
 - e. The job titles and FTE status for each member of staff employed in the mortuary (please include staff who are based solely in the mortuary, not cross-covering other departments)

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust does not hold the information requested.

Pathology services at DBTH, including mortuary services, are delivered through **South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Pathology (SYBP) Services**, which is hosted by **Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**. DBTH is a partner trust within this hosted arrangement.

Pathology services provided under SYBP include, but are not limited to:

- Phlebotomy
- Clinical Biochemistry

- Haematology
- Blood Transfusion
- Microbiology
- Virology
- Cellular Pathology (Histopathology)
- Andrology
- Mortuary Services

As these services are hosted and managed by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, DBTH does not hold detailed operational information relating to mortuary activity, autopsy numbers, or staffing.

Section 16 – Advice and Assistance

In accordance with **Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000**, you may wish to redirect your request to Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, who host South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Pathology Services and will be able to advise further.

Contact details are as follows:

Email: sth.foi@nhs.net

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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