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Our Ref: TSD10871

8 October 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

I am seeking information relating to patients who died whilst receiving care from your mental health services, including inpatients- both informal and formal (sectioned) patients.

1. Please provide the following information for each financial year (2025/26 to date, 2024/25, 2023/24, 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21):

- a) The total number of patients**
- b) The total number of deaths**
- c) The total number of unexpected deaths**
- d) The total number of unexpected deaths that had a EUPD/ BPD (emotional unstable personality disorder/ borderline personality disorder) diagnosis**
- e) The number of unexpected deaths that was classed as suicide**
- f) The number of unexpected deaths that were not confirmed as suicides but were due to self-inflicted harm which led to the patient's death**
- g) The number of the unexpected deaths that progressed to a Serious Incident investigation**
- h) The number of deaths that were referred (whether by the trust or by another organisation) to a coroner**
- i) The number of deaths that resulted in a Prevention of Future Deaths (PFD) report being issued by a coroner**

Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust do not provide specialist mental health services and therefore does not hold the information requested in relation to patients who died while receiving care from such services.

Specialist mental health services in the local area are provided by Devon Partnership NHS Trust (DPT), which may hold the requested information. You may therefore wish to submit your request directly to DPT.

You can submit an FOI request by email to: dpt.ig@nhs.net, or by letter to:

Information Governance Team

Devon Partnership NHS Trust

Prentice

Langdon Hospital

Exeter Road

Dawlish

EX7 0NR

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If you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact us, quoting the FOI reference number above.

If you are unhappy with the way in which we have handled your request, please contact the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Lead in the first instance. If you wish to make a formal complaint, you should write to our Complaints Manager at Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, First Floor Bowyer Building, Torbay Hospital, Torquay TQ2 7AA or by email to tsdft.feedback@nhs.net

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner will only make a decision once you have exhausted the complaints and/or internal review process provided by us. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or through this link <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team