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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked:

1. *Number of patient deaths recorded on your clinical systems, broken down by the category of death*

Please see the attached spreadsheet for the answer to this question.

The information for the remaining questions provided is based on the following search criteria and review of incidents reported via the Trust's Datix Incident Reporting System and NHS StEIS system meeting the NHS Serious Incidents Framework reporting criteria:

- All incidents reported from 1st January 2014 to 31 December 2015 (as we use reported date rather than incident date for both internal and external reporting and monitoring purposes)
- All incidents reported with severity of harm as 'catastrophic' (death due to incident)
- Additional searches of narrative detail including any or all of the following words 'death', 'died', 'passed away', 'RIP'

The search criteria identified a total of 43 reported incidents for patient deaths – further review has then excluded 4 which are related to stillbirths these are broken down by the category of 'Death submitted to StEIS' and 'others' as follows:

2. *Number of patient deaths recorded on your incident reporting system, broken down by the category of death* - 39

- Death submitted to StEIS = 8
- Others = 31

(this total includes patients in Accident and Emergency Department when life not sustainable, early life neonatal deaths when life not sustainable, congenital abnormalities and palliative care patients)

3. *Of those deaths, the numbers investigated under your incident policy*

All incidents are investigated in line with the Trust Incident Reporting and investigation Policy and SOP as follows

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- Death submitted to StEIS = 8 8 Comprehensive Investigations
- Others = 31 5 Rapid Review/Concise Investigations
16 standard Investigations

**The difference in the numbers is because only 21 out of the 31 were investigated formally under our policy because although the other 10 were reported on our Datix system, they do not relate to healthcare related to WWL.

4. The number of investigations broken down by the categories of investigation that you use

Please see 3 above

5. The number of investigations broken down by the category of death

Please see 3 above

6. The number of investigations broken down by category of death and category of investigation

Please see 3 above

I hope you find this information useful, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 256335. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster

Chief Executive

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