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Response Due: 3rd February 2025

Date: 3rd February 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 6th January 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. In the past three years, how many patients aged 65 and above attended/were admitted to a hospital apart of the trust with health problems related to cold temperatures, such as chest infections, respiratory conditions, flu, hypothermia and others? (Broken down by years: 2022, 2023, 2024)**

	2022	2023	2024
Chest Infection	299	392	467
Flu	85	0	73
Hypothermia	42	54	26
Pneumonia	1431	1482	1432

*These patients were coded (in any position, not just primary diagnosis) with the requested conditions, but that does not necessarily mean they are associated with low temperatures.

Clarification for Q1: The Trust would not be able to tell if the health problems listed were related to the cold temperatures or not. Please could you send us a full list of the health problems you would like us to provide if you would still like to receive this information.

Response: Could you please provide the number of admissions / attendances with a chest infection, flu, hypothermia and pneumonia from the months of August to December for the years 2022,2023,2024.

2. How many excess winter deaths (EWDs) have the trust recorded in the past three years? (Broken down by years: 2022, 2023, 2024)

2022	77
2023	87
2024	68

*The deaths include both inpatient and A&E data.

*The excess winter deaths have been calculated by comparing the number of deaths in the winter months (Dec-Mar) to the average of deaths in the months before and after.

Clarification for Q2: Please can you clarify how you would like Q2 to be calculated? The Trust does not have a standardised method of reporting this nationally.

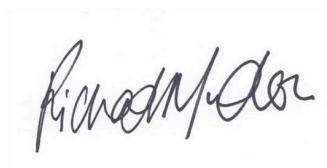
Response: Could you please provide the number of patient deaths aged 65 from the months of August to December for the years 2022,2023,2024?

a. Of these deaths, how many were aged 65 and above? (Broken down by years: 2022, 2023, 2024)

2022	65
2023	79
2024	68

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Mundon
Deputy Chief Executive

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