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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210515.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

Could you tell me if your Trust keeps any record of the number of staff that die as a result of suicide each year.

If so, could you tell me the number over the 2020/21 period and what steps are being taken to reduce this number?

We recorded <10 deaths as a result of suicide in 2020/21. Please note that for figures that are less than 10 we are unable to provide the exact number as it may be identifiable to individuals.

Please also see the attached document which provides information on support available to staff and to prevent further suicide events. We also have the Wellbeing Hub in place which employs three full time Mental Health Practitioners who undertake assessments and where appropriate arrange further specialist treatment. Individuals can self-refer or be referred by managers or colleagues. We keep an up-to-date list of all community crisis services for those identified as in crisis and where a person is deemed to be at risk we alert the appropriate manager and notify GP. The Wellbeing Hub is a 'one stop' shop, providing staff and managers with easy access to an array of support and treatment options with just one phone call or email.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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