**Learning Disabilities**

**Ref: 2502 (March 2017)**

Dear George

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

1a) total number of deaths that have occurred at the Trust in each of the the last five years (please provide data broken down by year)

2011/12 661

2012/13 644

2013/14 648

2014/15 664

2015/16 704

1b) the number of these deaths that were classified as unexpected Under Section 1 the Trust is unable to answer this as the data is not collected within these terms.

2a) total number of deaths that have been referred to the Coroner by the Trust in each of the last five years

April 2011 - March 2012 136

April 2012 - March 2013 127

April 2013 - March 2014 114

April 2014 - March 2015 123

April 2015 – March 016 93

This is an approximation as often medical certificates are redirected to the coroner's office without the Bereavement Office being informed.

For a true reading we suggest that you apply directly to the Avon Coroner's Court, Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton, Avon, Bristol BS48 1UL

2b) of these, the number of deaths of patients with a learning disability referred to the Coroner

Under Section 1 the Trust is unable to answer this as the information is not held.

3a) total number of deaths of patients with a learning disability that have occurred at the Trust in each of the last five years (please provide total number and indicate whether they were inpatients at the time of their deaths)

2012 - 1 death recorded

2013 - 4 deaths recorded

2014 - 8 deaths recorded

2015 - 3 deaths recorded

2016 - 5 deaths recorded

3b) of these, the number of these deaths of patients with a learning disability that were classified as unexpected The Trust is not aware that any of these were classified as unexpected

4a) total number of deaths at the Trust reported as an incident on the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS) in each of the last five years

4b) total number of deaths at the Trust reported on Strategic Executive Information System (STEIS) in each of the last five years

4c) if possible, please indicate the number of these that relate to patients with a learning disability Attached on spreadsheet

5a) total number of initial 72-hour reviews into deaths (as defined by the NHS Serious Incident Framework) in each of the last five years 1

5b) total number of investigations into deaths (as defined by the NHS SI Framework) in each of the last five years - please provide data broken down by severity, Level 1 internal investigations, Level 2 comprehensive internal investigations, Level 3 independent investigations. Please also indicate whether the numbers refer to investigations opened or completed.

Attached on spreadsheet

I trust that your request has been satisfactorily answered, but I should advise you that you have the right to complain about this response by reference to the complaints procedure of the Weston Area Health NHS Trust, in which case you should write to me at this email address.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision of the Trust following your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner, whose address is:

Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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