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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_10_25

You asked:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. Please may you provide me with:

1. The number of patients who died while on your NHS waiting list and have therefore been removed from the list due to their death or status as being deceased in 2025 to date.

2025 data not yet available.

2. The number of patients who died while on your NHS waiting list, and have therefore been removed from the list due to their death or status as being deceased, broken down into the years 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020.

Calendar Year	Patients
2020	3521
2021	3710
2022	3901
2023	3874
2024	4177

3. If possible, I would also like a breakdown of ethnicity, religion, age and gender for every patient who died while on your NHS waiting list for each of these years, please.

- If you don't hold all of this data or if providing it would exceed costs, please provide as much information as possible - starting from the most recent year and working backwards.

We are unable to provide you with the level of detail you are seeking as to the specific breakdown of ethnicity, religion, age and gender for every patient who died while on your NHS waiting list. We consider that there is a potential risk for the individual to be identified from the information provided if this was disclosed, when considered together or with other information that may also be in the public domain.

This being the case it is considered that such information should be withheld under Section 41 which sets out an exemption from the right to know where the information requested was provided to the public authority in confidence. The component which is applicable relates to the disclosure of the information would give rise to an actionable breach of confidence. In other words, if the Health Board disclosed the information being sought this could lead to their identification which would be unfair and inappropriate.

A duty of confidentiality does continue after the death of an individual to whom that duty is owed. Where there is a legally enforceable duty of confidentiality owed to a living individual, after death it can be enforced by the deceased's personal representative.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, we have provided ethnicity below:

Year	Ethnicity	
2020	Asian-GB Asian-Pakistani	**
2020	Black/GB Black-African	**
2020	Chinese	**
2020	Not stated	2613
2020	Other Asian background	**
2020	Other ethnic group	6
2020	Other mixed background	**
2020	White	895
2020	White and Black Caribbean	**
2021	Chinese	**
2021	Not stated	2702
2021	Other mixed background	**
2021	White	1004
2022	Asian/GB Asian-Indian	**
2022	Black/GB Black-African	**
2022	Chinese	**
2022	Not stated	2848
2022	Other Black background	**
2022	White	1041
2022	White and Asian	**
2023	Not stated	2692
2023	Other Black background	**
2023	Other ethnic group	**
2023	White	1176
2023	White and Asian	**
2024	Asian/GB Asian-Indian	**
2024	Black/GB Black-African	**
2024	Not stated	2987
2024	Other Asian background	**
2024	Other ethnic group	**
2024	White	1183
2024	White and Black Caribbean	**

3. Please also tell me the total number of people who are currently on your waiting list.

Patients
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- If possible, please provide a breakdown of ethnicity and religion for these patients.

Patients	Ethnicity
13	Asian/GB Asian-Bangladesh
31	Asian/GB Asian-Indian

**	Asian/GB Asian-Pakistani
12	Asian-GB Asian-Pakistani
67	Black/GB Black-African
10	Black/GB Black-Caribbean
19	Chinese
186729	Not stated
38	Other Asian background
14	Other Black background
99	Other ethnic group
25	Other mixed background
25977	White
**	White - English
**	White - Welsh
19	White and Asian
**	White and Black African
24	White and Black Caribbean

With regards to the data provided for all responses above. Please note the following:

- 31/12/2024 Census – end year point
- Patients can be tertiary referred to other Health Board areas, so will be removed off our waiting list.
- Patients on waiting list could be tertiary referred from other Health Board areas and appear on our list.
- Questions that relate to death – could have died from any cause – not related to condition.
- Patients could have delayed offer, Did Not Attend, or Cancel of first appointment same and could have died while waiting (any cause).
- Distinct patients – patients could have been on more than one speciality waiting list.
- Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved (S41 applied).