

Title

Cancer wrong / delayed diagnoses

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

- 1 *How many fatalities have been due to cancer wrong diagnosis or failure/delay diagnosis in the last three years (Between 2021-up to and including any data held for 2024)?
For example: The number of incidents where the Primary Cause is 'Wrong Diagnosis' or 'Failure/Delay Diagnosis' and where both injury codes 'Cancer' and 'Fatality' are recorded? Can this be broken down by year?*

Answer:

Year	No. of Incidents
2021	*<5
2022	0
2023	0
2024	0

*<5 - Section 40 (2)

Please note that in accordance with Section 40 (2) where activity is 5 or less than 5, the Trust is unable to provide the exact information. We consider the data exempt on the following grounds:

The Trust considers that disclosure of the information risks identifying individuals. The reason for this is that the number of patients for which this applies is very low. This and the fact that the data requested relates to the RDUH Health NHS Trust only and therefore relates to patients treated in a specific location (rather than covering a larger geographical area), increases the risk of identification or self-identification.

The Trust's view is that s.40(2) is applicable because disclosure of information which could lead to a patient being identified would be a breach of the patient's rights under the Data Protection Act Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the GDPR, namely Principle 1.