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REQUEST

I write to request some figures under the Freedom of Information Act. I would like to know, for each of 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, the following:

- How many male patients were admitted to your hospitals having suffered a heart attack?
- How many female patients were admitted to your hospitals having suffered a heart attack?
- How many of those male patients subsequently passed away as the result of that heart attack?
- How many of those female patients subsequently passed away as the result of that heart attack?

RESPONSE

Number of patients admitted to the Trust with a primary diagnosis of heart attack

Year	Female	Male
2014	121	296
2015	198	297
2016	202	290
2017	214	381
2018	248	342
2019	264	391

Number of Patients who subsequently passed away as the result of a heart attack.

Year	Female	Male
2014	*>5	*>5
2015	13	10

2016	7	7
2017	11	9
2018	8	11
2019	*>5	*>5

* **Please note:** We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed “lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner”. It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.