

Ref. No: 645  
From: Commercial  
Date: 26/04/23  
Subject: Palliative Care Units

## REQUEST

- 1. Are there any Specialist Palliative Care Units (SPCUs) within your Trust? If yes, please provide the name and address of these.**

The Trust does not have a dedicated SPCU. We have the SPCC team who cover all of the Trust but there are no specific beds / unit.

- 2. Please provide information on the following within your Trust between January 2017 and December 2022 (inclusive). Broken down by year if possible:**

- The number of suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)
- The number of attempted suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)

N/A

- 3. Please provide information on the following within your Trust between January 2017 and December 2022 (inclusive), excluding data provided in Q2. Broken down by year if possible:**

- The number of suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults 18+)
- The number of attempted suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults 18+)

### Section 12: cost exceeds the appropriate limit

The Trust only codes intentional self-harm if clearly stated in the notes, therefore, to provide a response to your request would require a manual review of patient records, which would exceed the appropriate time limit.

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying would exceed the

appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and this represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days providing the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request.