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Freedom of information request

I am writing in response to your request for information which has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your questions and our response are below.

I would like to request the following information to include; all hospitals under the trust's remit and to cover years 2015, 2016 and as much of 2017 as is available at the point of request

The number of in-patients that have died from choking due to obstruction of the airway, where (A) the patient has been admitted for reasons related to choking and (B) where the patient was admitted for reasons not related to choking.

If possible, please provide the data separated for each individual hospital as below where applicable.

Hospital A

2015	Choking related	x
	Non-Choking related	y
2016	Choking related	x
	Non-Choking related	y

Given the low number(s) involved, there is a risk if we were to provide this information in the public domain that someone may be able to identify the individual(s). On this basis we rely on the exemption contained in s40 (2) and condition in s40(3)(a)i, which prevents us from disclosing personal data if by doing so we would breach any of the data protection principles.