



Humber Teaching

NHS Foundation Trust

Freedom of Information Request **19 258**

Our Reference: FOI 19 258 / AA / LB / HG
Name:
Date: 11 December 2019
Address:

Dear

Further to your Freedom of Information Request, please find the Trust's response below:

I would like to enquire under the FOI Act for information regarding the number of deaths at the Alfred Bean Hospital in Driffield, East Riding of Yorkshire, from 1993 to 1996.

Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust is unable to provide the information requested, as we do not hold the information as you requested. Our electronically held searchable records only go back to 1998. The Trust therefore does not hold the data for the period requested.

The Data Protection Act 1998 came into force shortly after the time period that you are searching for. The fifth principle of this legislation, in a summarised form, stated that "Personal data shall not be kept for longer than is necessary". NHS organisations will adhere to the most up to date guidance on how long personal data should be retained for. The time that personal data should be kept for will depend on the purpose for which it has been used.

The current guidance issued by the Information Governance Alliance in July 2016 advises that health data should be retained for 8 to 10 years after a patient death. Although this guidance is very recent, applying this to the 1993 to 1996 time period, these patient records, if held by Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust, or its predecessors, may have been destroyed in 2003 to 2006.

The Trust is not aware of any other organisation that may hold the information that you are requesting.

Kind regards,

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