

Freedom of Information Act 2000**The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request****Date Request Received: 07 January 2025****FOI Ref No: 27359****Requested Information:**

- 1) The number of patients who died while on your NHS waiting list and have therefore been removed from the list due to their death or status as being deceased in 2025 to date.
- 2) The number of patients who died while on your NHS waiting list, and have therefore been removed from the list due to their death or status as being deceased, broken down into the years 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020.
- 3) If possible, I would also like a breakdown of ethnicity, religion, age and gender for every patient who died while on your NHS waiting list for each of these years, please.
 - a. If you don't hold all of this data or if providing it would exceed costs, please provide as much information as possible - starting from the most recent year and working backwards.
- 4) Please also tell me the total number of people who are currently on your waiting list.
 - If possible, please provide a breakdown of ethnicity and religion for these patients.

I'd like this information in a table in an Excel format, please.

Response:

Please find attached a document in the requested Excel table format with the answers to the questions above.

Please Note: Patients currently on a waiting list, and deaths on a waiting list, are from a combination of all waiting lists for elective and outpatients, rather than only referral to treatment (RTT). For outpatients, this is inclusive of follow-up appointments. Deaths due to any circumstances are included in these totals, therefore it cannot be assumed from this data that a death is attributable to the reason for being on the waiting list.

Deaths have been counted from various waiting lists held at the trust, if a person was on multiple waiting lists at the time of death, that person would count once in the total. Below are details on how the figures have been collected:

Outpatient Pending List – all RCHT reportable NHS patients with a status of ‘Death’ where date of death occurred before removal from list.

Inpatient Waiting List - all RCHT reportable NHS patients, where waiting list status of ‘death’ was recorded, or the patient had a recorded date of death before being removed from the list.

Outpatient Booked List - all RCHT reportable NHS patients who had a date of death recorded before the appointment date was reached.

RTT Waiting List - all RCHT reportable NHS patients who had a date of death before the RTT pathway could be completed.

Attachment(s):

Appendix 1 - Waiting List Deaths

Date Response sent: