

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 6th August 2025

FOI Ref No 29838

Requested Information:

1. The number of patients who have died while on your waiting list to receive consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment — and who have therefore been removed from the list due to their death or status as being deceased — between January 1st 2025 and July 31st 2025?
 - (If your trust calls this particular waiting list something else, please use common sense and provide the waiting list data most relevant to my questions.)
 - a. If possible, please tell me how many of these people who died had been waiting for longer than 18 weeks since being referred for consultant-led elective hospital treatment?
 - b. If possible, please provide a separate breakdown of the ethnicity and religion of all those who died while on this/your waiting list to receive consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment over this time period.
2. The number of patients who have died while on your waiting list to receive consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment — and who 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, please.
 - a. If possible, please provide a separate breakdown of the ethnicity and religion of those who died while on you waiting list for consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment in each of these years.

Response:

Please find attached a document in an Excel table format with the answers to the questions above (appendix one).

Please Note: Deaths on waiting list totals within this request uses the trusts referral to treatment (RTT) waiting list as its source.

Deaths from 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.

RTT Waiting List - all RCHT reportable NHS patients who had a date of death before the RTT pathway could be completed. Where there were multiple waiting list

pathways for a single patient, the pathway where the patient was waiting the longest has been used.

Attachment(s):

Appendix 1 – FOI Ref 29838 Waiting List Deaths Response

Date Response sent: 26th August 2025