

## FOI\_1135\_2023-24 - FOI Request Concerning - FOI\_1096\_2022\_23 - Follow-up Questions

1. Can I extend the FIO to a breakdown of specialities, age and cause of death please.

This question is exempt under S40 of the FOI Act, as it is believed breaking down the answer by these factors, could lead to the information becoming identifiable

2. Either as an FOI or SAR I request a valuation of the specific cost for (redacted patients name) SI. This can be based upon additional costs of external investigators/legal expertise and time set aside in preparing and executing for each individual who is part of the Trust and using pay rates and associated employment costs.

As the SI has currently not concluded, it is not possible to provide the costs of investigating this SI. This information is estimated to be available post the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023, which is the estimated end data of the SI and subsequent review panels.

After the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023, we will be able to provide the cost of the SI investigators time only.

All additional costs are e.g. interview times, advise, etc... is exempt under S12 of the FOI Act, as the Trust has not kept (nor required to keep) specific records to reference the exact amount of hours spent by each individual involved in this investigation and therefore in order to determine this, it will exceed the 18 hours allocated under the FOI Act to respond to a request; this would require the reviewing of calendars / diaries to assess the time spent and therefore associated costs.

