

FOI Request Response information

FOI request reference:	2015/236
Date request received:	12/11/2015
Date request responded to:	26/11/2015
Category:	Incidents
Tags:	Patient deaths, serious incidents, The Harbour, hanging

Request Detail:

Info re patient deaths

Please can you provide the following under FOI laws:

1. The number of serious incidents at The Harbour which have involved a patient death.
2. The number of serious incidents at The Harbour which involved a patient death, and where hanging was reported/suspected.
3. The number of attempted hangings at The Harbour since it opened (excluding those in which the patient died)
4. Please provide a copy of the independent investigation report referred to here: <http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/news/investigation-pledge-in-blackpool-mental-health-unit-hanging-shock-1-7400604>

If any parts of the document cannot be released, then please redact these sections, rather than withholding the document.

Response Detail:

The Trust response to your recent FOI request is as follows:

- 1 – There have been 3 patient deaths at the Harbour treated as a serious incident (under the NHS England national definition) including 1 self-harm related death and 2 deaths by natural causes.
- 2 – There have been no patient deaths at the Harbour by hanging (note, the self-harm related death mentioned above was not a hanging in that the ligature was not tied to any furniture of fitting).
- 3 – There have been two incidents of attempted hanging.
- 4 – The independent investigation is ongoing and not due for completion until the end of November 2015. As a post incident review contains significant amounts of personal and clinical detail intertwined throughout the report it is unlikely that it would be released and S40(2) exemption would apply.