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REQUEST

Please can you supply me with a list of every patient death by sepsis over the last 10 calendar years (removing any person information that might identify the patient if necessary to comply with data protection laws). If possible, this should include any internal investigation carried out by the trust, or any notes that give information on what treatment the patient was given before they died.

RESPONSE

The Trust does not record cause of death via an automated system. Gathering this information would require a manual undertaking to match records of coded inpatients with Sepsis that became deceased during that inpatient stay and individually check for medical certificates within those records referencing the cause of death. As such please see the below Exemption:

*** Please note:** Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in the regulations related to the Act. This represents the estimated cost of employees spending 18 hours to undertake answering the applicant's questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Trust is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.