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## REQUEST & RESPONSE

For each of the years 2017 and 2018 please may you provide me with-

1. The total number of adult (aged 17 and above) deaths within your Trust (on Trust sites) between 1st January and 31st December of each year.

**Number of deaths of patients aged 17 and over during an inpatient stay in 2017 and 2018:**

Year	Total
2017	1610
2018	1653

2. The number of Hospital (consent) autopsies carried out on adult (aged 17 and above) deaths which occurred between 1st January and 31st December of each year.

**Total number of Hospital Post Mortems per year (2017-18).**

Year	Total
2017	9
2018	Less than 5*

**\*Please note:** We are unable to provide precise figures when these are five or less due to the risk that individuals will be identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the Data Protection Act. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.