

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act Reference 2023.264
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Thank you for your email which was received on the 23 October 2023 requesting information regarding deaths caused by anaphylaxis.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

I would like to find out the number of people admitted to your NHS trust for Anaphylaxis, and the number of deaths caused by Anaphylaxis. I would like to find out what was the cause of Anaphylaxis (e.g. food or medicine).

Can I please request these statistics for the past 5 calendar years and broken down by gender and age?

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust is not commissioned to run the accident and emergency centres, which means that patients having an anaphylaxis reaction would not be brought to our trust or admitted to our trust for treatment. We do receive patients in our community hospital beds, but we have no record of any inpatient deaths in the last 5 years, where the cause of death was anaphylaxis. Any patients developing an anaphylaxis reaction would be transferred to an acute trust for treatment.

We recommend you redirect your enquiry to the trusts running the acute hospitals. In Kent these are:

Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust
East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust
Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust
Medway NHS Foundation Trust

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