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## Deaths while on a waiting list

### Enquiry:

I am writing in regards to deaths while on a waiting list.

1. How many people died while on a health service waiting list in your trust area in the 2021 calendar year. If possible, provide comparison figures for 2020 and 2019
2. If possible to state, how many of the above deaths were patients on a waiting list for (1) 1 year and over (2) 3 years and over (3) five years and over

### Response:

Our response is now attached for your information.

It should be noted that it is NOT possible to determine or infer that a patient's death is related in any way to the reason for being on a waiting list, as cause of death is not recorded.