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Cardiac arrests on the Hepatobiliary ward BCH

How many cardiac arrests happened on the Hepatobiliary ward at Belfast City Hospital between January 2019 - June 2024? Could it be possible to provide a breakdown by year and gender. [1] [SEP]

The Hepatobiliary ward at Belfast City Hospital opened in April 2020. Between April 2020 - July 2024 there were 10 cardiac arrests.

We are not able to provide any further breakdown of the information requested. Due to low numbers of <5 would reduce numbers to discoverable limits, we consider that individuals could be identified and disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under FOI Act Section 40(2) Personal Information relating to a third party, of the FOI Act.

If you would allow me a follow up question. Would you be able to tell me how many of those 10 cardiac arrest patients in the Hepatobiliary ward at Belfast City survived?

Due to the low numbers and the small geographical area, this information would reduce numbers to discoverable limits, this has potential to make individuals identifiable.

Disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under FOI Act Section 40(2) Personal Information relating to a third party, of the FOI Act.