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## **Deaths by Suicide in Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Area**

### **1. Total Deaths by Suicide in Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Area**

**Please provide the total number of recorded deaths by suicide, as defined by the Trust (or NISRA if applicable), for residents within the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust area, for each of the following calendar years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 to date.**

Within the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust we review 'suspected suicides'. The determination of actual suicide sits in the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust area should be directed to Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA). This is the link for NISRA [Suicide statistics | Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency](#)

### **2. Deaths by Suicide among Patients Known to Mental Health Services**

**Please provide the total number of recorded deaths by suicide for individuals who died within 12 months of contact with Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Mental Health Services, for each of the following calendar years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 to date.**

**If available, please specify whether these individuals were:**

- **On an active caseload at the time of death, or**
- **Had any contact within the last 12 months but were not on an active caseload.**

Within the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust we review 'suspected suicides'. Below is a breakdown of the number of reviews we have completed for individuals who have died by 'suspected suicide'. All of these individuals were on an active caseload at the time of death or have had contact within the last 12 months.

2020 - 29

2021 - 14

2022 - 15

2023 - 18

2024 - 14

2025 to date – 11 (Jan- September 2025)

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**3. Number and Percentage of Deaths by Suicide among Patients Known to Mental Health Services**

**Of the total recorded deaths by suicide in the Belfast HSC Trust area in each of the above years, how many were individuals who had been in contact with the Trust's Mental Health Services within the previous 12 months?**

**Please provide this figure as both:**

All off the above individuals had been in contact with the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Mental Health Services within the previous 12 months.

**A percentage of all suicides recorded in the Belfast HSC Trust area for each respective year.**

100%