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Information requested:

I believe the hospital maybe attempting to provoke me by contacting at specific times, instead of that, please provide a response concerning the issue of a nation wide epidemic that has killed thousands upon thousands of disabled people and possible NHS crimes committed during it that may have contributed to such deaths of disabled people. If a response is being issued, please issue it between 8-11am GMT in short, please attempt to issue a review response as early and as soon as possibly.

Response:

We have assumed that;

- "epidemic" means the Covid pandemic declared in March 2020 by the World Health Organisation.
- "nation wide" refers to Scotland.

All of Scotland

The State Hospital does not hold information at a national level about the deaths of individuals and therefore cannot answer questions about the number of deaths of disabled people across Scotland.

We give notice under section 17 of FOISA that we do not hold the information requested in relation to Scotland.

Similarly, we do not hold criminal allegations about the NHS, and therefore we give notice under section 17 that we do not hold this information requested.

The State Hospital

We have answered a different FOI request from you (FOI/010/23) that asked about the number of patient deaths at the State Hospital. Therefore, this is technically a repeated question and we do not need to response under FOISA section 14(2) – repeated question.

We searched our complaints, legal, risk management and administrative records, but did not find any references to any criminal allegations relating to the deaths of disabled people.

We give notice under section 17 of FOISA that we do not hold the information requested.