FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REF: 2026-82
Subject: Suicides in Specialist Palliative Care Units

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **28/01/2026** where you requested information about **Suicides in Specialist Palliative Care Units.**

The information you requested is enclosed.

Question	Answer
Q1. Are there any Specialist Palliative Care Units (SPCUs) within your Trust? If yes, please provide the name and address of these.	N/A for Bolton NHS Foundation Trust. The Trust does not provide a specific unit for Palliative Care. In Bolton this service is provided by Bolton Hospice.
Q2. Please provide information on the following within your Trust between **January 2023 and December 2025 (inclusive).** Broken down by year if possible: i) The number of suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)	
ii) The number of attempted suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)	
Q3. Please provide information on the following within your Trust between **January 2023 and December 2025 (inclusive),** excluding data provided in Q2. Broken down by year if possible: i) The number of suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults aged 18+)	
ii) The number of attempted suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults aged 18+)	

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Yours sincerely,

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