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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Suicides.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.  
I would be grateful if you could inform me of the number of suicides which have occurred at Maidstone Hospital from 2009 to date.*

Trust response:

The Trust code for morbidity and not mortality, therefore we would not code suicide as that would result in death. It may be possible that this information has been entered into the patient record but in order to confirm this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.

Any un-natural deaths are automatically dealt with by the Coroner.  
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