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Dear Ben Cowles,

Thank you for your e-mail of 26th March 2024, in respect of your Freedom of Information Request. Your request is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Information Requested

- 1) *The numbers of asylum seekers who have died in Home Office accommodation between 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.*
- 2) *In regard to the above, please also include and indicate those whose last known address was a Home Office accommodation.*
- 3) *For each death, please include the cause and location of death (or the region), their ages, nationalities, and genders.*

Response

Please refer to the attached Annex.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk, quoting reference **2024 03190**. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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Yours sincerely

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<http://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/108105TAZN>

Date of referral	Incident Type	Headline Incident	Age on Ref	Nationality	Gender	Geographical Location of SUs address	Accommodation Type
1/18/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Service user sadly passed away in IA, no suspicious circumstances and have previously attempted suicide. Police advised will wait for Coroners report.	48	Nigeria	M	Midlands and East of England	DA (Overflow)
1/19/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Service user has passed away.	67	Pakistan	M	North West	Other
2/2/23	Death of a Service User (explained)	Service user hung themselves in custody at HMP (REDACTED)	28	Sudan	M	South	DA
3/6/23	Death of a Service User (explained)	Service user has committed suicide within his accommodation.	22	Morocco	M	North West	DA
3/8/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Service user has sadly passed away	34	China	F	Scotland	DA
3/10/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Service user has sadly passed away	62	Ethiopia	F	North West	DA
3/16/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Service user passed away in hospital in February 2023.	48	Senegal	M	Midlands and East of England	DA
3/28/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Service user sadly found deceased	28	Georgia	M	Midlands and East of England	IA (Overflow)
4/4/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Service user found deceased in his hotel room	40	Iraq	M	South	IA (overflow)
5/17/23	Death of a Service User (explained)	Customer was involved in hit and run accident on (REDACTED) and then passed away on 09/05/2023	23	Afghanistan	M	Midlands and East of England	IA (Overflow)
5/18/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Customer has been found deceased in the River (REDACTED)	24	Eritrea	M	Midlands and East of England	DA (Overflow)

5/30/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Customer had been reported as a missing person on 12/05/2023. Update received from (REDACTED) on 30/05/2023 advising customer has been found deceased. Circumstances not suspicious. Cause of death unknown at present – not disclosed.	27	Namibia	M	North, East Yorkshire & The Humber	DA
6/9/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	SU found deceased in his room	57	India	M	South	DA
7/7/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Customer has passed away, cause of death and location unknown.	35	Iraq	M	North West	DA
8/11/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Customer was found unresponsive in his accommodation and pronounced dead by paramedics when they arrived on the scene.	53	Sudan	M	Northern Ireland	IA (Overflow)
8/14/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Police advised that the service user had been found deceased	20	Sudan	M	North West	IA (Overflow)
8/25/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Customer found unresponsive at property by neighbours. Paramedics performed CPR but customer was pronounced dead	27	Eritrea	F	North, East Yorkshire & The Humber	DA
8/31/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Service user found deceased in her hotel room. Suspected suicide.	21	Oman	F	South	IA (Overflow)
9/5/23	Death of a Service User (explained)	A lithium battery from an e-bike started a fire in applicants accommodation. The applicant jumped from the window in his room to attempt to save himself from the fire and passed away due to injuries.	28	Eritrea	M	Midlands and East of England	DA
9/12/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Customer appears to have committed suicide. Three SU's have been arrested on suspicion of murder.	20	Iraq	M	North West	DA

9/15/23	Death of a Service User (explained)	Asylum Support Customer has committed suicide.	37	Georgia	M	North, East Yorkshire & The Humber	IA (Overflow)
9/27/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Customer passed away in hospital after going into cardiac arrest at his accommodation	36	Algeria	N/A	South	DA
10/9/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Customer died whilst being held on remand in custody at (REDACTED) police station and is suspected to have died by suicide.	29	Somalia	M	Midlands and East of England	DA
10/13/23	Death of a Service User (explained)	Asylum Support customer found deceased	63	Colombia	M	South	IA (Overflow)
11/6/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Death of an Asylum Support customer – cause unknown.	42	Iran	m	South	IA (Overflow)
11/20/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Customers (husband and pregnant wife) passed away in a house fire (non supported accommodation)	27	Afghanistan	F	South	IA (Overflow)
11/30/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Asylum Support customer has been found deceased, cause to be determined.	41	Kenya	F	South	DA
12/11/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Customer passed away by suspected suicide.	19	Iran	M	Midlands and East of England	DA (Overflow)
12/12/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Asylum Support customer has been found deceased on board Bibby Stockholm. Cause of death to be determined	27	Albania	M	south	IA (Overflow)
3/15/23	Death of a Service User (explained)	Service user passed away in hospital. No suspicious circumstances	53	Sudan	M	West Midlands	DA
4/26/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Service User found deceased, not deemed suspicious	48	Pakistan	M	Wales	DA
5/30/23	Death of a Service User (explained)	Customer had passed away in (REDACTED) Hospital on 26/05/2023. (Customer suffered with chronic cardiac condition: Cardiomyopathy).	45	Bangladesh	M	South	DA

7/28/23	Death of a Service User (explained)	Customer has passed away, known to have been diagnosed with terminal cancer and parkinsons.	88	Pakistan	M	South	DA
9/20/23	Death of a Service User (explained)	Child has passed away in hospital due to ongoing medical issues	3	Sudan	Male	South	DA
10/3/23	Death of a Service User (cause to be confirmed)	Customer found deceased in his accommodation by police. Cause of death believed to be medical as no indication of foul play or suicide.	31	Zimbabwe	M	Scotland	DA
10/12/23	Death of Service User - (Confirmed)	Notification received on 12 October that the SU's son had called the housing officer and notified that his mother had passed away 2 months ago. Details are currently being obtained by the housing officer on the nature of her death.	49	China	F	South	DA
11/1/23	Death of a service user - confirmed	SU has died of lung Cancer - Safeguarding made aware	42	Eritrea	M	South	Hotel
11/9/23	Death of a Service User's child - confirmed	SU gave birth to a child prematurely- since this date (REDACTED) and baby (REDACTED) have been in hospital. Sadly it has come to the attention of Safeguarding that the child died in Hospital on 07/11/2023.	less than or	Sudan	M	South	Hotel
11/13/23	Death of a SU	The service user had cancer and had been receiving treatment for some time. He was in hospital on a ventilator at the time of his passing.	45	Iran	M	South	Hotel
12/8/23	Death of a SU	SU is suspected to have died from medical-related reasons.	42	Ghana	F	South	Hotel