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## REQUEST

1. Total number of hospital deaths per year (2021, 2022, 2023)?
2. Total number of community / coroner deaths per year (2021, 2022, 2023)?
3. Total number of post mortems per year (2021, 2022, 2023)?
4. How many qualified APTs? (currently)
5. Banding of qualified APTs?
6. If you have / have had trainee APTs, what band do they start on and what band do they go to on qualification?
7. How many unqualified mortuary assistants / support workers? (currently)
8. Do unqualified staff / support workers do post mortems? Banding for those unqualified staff?
9. Do your procedures cover safe staffing levels in the post mortem room and dealing with funeral directors?
10. If yes, how many staff per area are required for safe staffing levels?

## RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

1. Total number of hospital deaths per year (2021, 2022, 2023)?

3,372 (2021), 3,340 (2022), and 3,290 (2023).

**2. Total number of community / coroner deaths per year (2021, 2022, 2023)?**

1,083 (2021), 1,139 (2022), and 1,070 (2023).

**3. Total number of post mortems per year (2021, 2022, 2023)?**

719 (2021), 742 (2022), and 761 (2023).

**4. How many qualified APTs? (currently)**

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**5. Banding of qualified APTs?**

Bands 5, 6, and 7.

**6. If you have / have had trainee APTs, what band do they start on and what band do they go to on qualification?**

Annex U of Band 5, and then Band 5 once qualified.

**7. How many unqualified mortuary assistants / support workers? (currently)**

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**8. Do unqualified staff / support workers do post mortems? Banding for those unqualified staff?**

No

**9. Do your procedures cover safe staffing levels in the post mortem room and dealing with funeral directors?**

Risk assessments cover lone working and staffing.

**10. If yes, how many staff per area are required for safe staffing levels?**

Task dependant.