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Detail of request:

Please disclose the following information under the Freedom of Information Act relating to instances where a patient has been declared dead by mistake.

Please disclose the number of significant event audits that have been recorded in the past 5 years where a death was incorrectly diagnosed ie. where the patients was subsequently declared to be alive.

For each case, please provide details of the following

1. The date of the incident
2. An explanation of the reasons that led to the incorrect diagnosis eg. pre-med, coma, births, human error, etc.
3. Brief details of what happened to the patient following their incorrect diagnosis eg. were they taken to the mortuary? Did they remain in a bay until they were discovered to be alive?
4. Brief details of any remedial action taken following the incident
5. Brief details of any disciplinary action taken, if relevant

Detail of response:

Having contacted the Clinical Governance and Mortuary Departments, I am advised there has been no recorded cases of a patient been declared deceased by mistake.

As such, there is no further information for me to provide, and this concludes your request.