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	2022-23#	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total/av
First Requests	116	405	579	534	**1634**
Accepted	115	399	574	529	**1617**
Refused	1	6	5	5	**17**
First assessments	109	380	554	519	**1562**
Eligible	101	344	514	477	**1436**
Ineligible	8	36	40	42	**126**
Consulting assessments	88	314	462	440	**1304**
Eligible	87	307	459	429	**1282**
Ineligible	1	7	3	11	**22**
VAD Permit issued (assessed as eligible)	68	254	406	396	**1124**
Self administration	51	230	343	325	**949**
percentage	76	92	84	82	**84**
Practitioner administration	17	24	63	71	**175**
percentage	24	8	16	18	**16**
Died after VAD Permit issued	**45**	**214**	**353**	**370**	**982**
Self administration	28	141	200	196	**565**
Practitioner administration	11	15	51	48	**125**
(Total: VAD substance deaths)	**39**	**156**	**251**	**244**	**690**
Did not use VAD substance	6	58	102	126	**292**
Permit applications per month	15	23	34	33	
VAD substance dispensed	56	234	334	309	**933**
Self administration	45	214	280	255	**794**
Practitioner administration	11	20	54	54	**139**
Time for VAD steps					
Median days first request to VAD Permit issued	26^	18	18 (2-427)	18	
Median days between VAD Permit issued and death	na	18 (0-442)	11 (0-520)	18 (0-679)	
Median days between VAD Permit issued and death - self administration	14**	8**	13 (0-446)	13 (0-546)	
Median days between VAD Permit issued and death - practitioner administration	14**	8**	3 (0-318)	4 (0-207)	
Median days between VAD Permit issued and death - without administration			26 (0-458)	37 (0-679)	

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Deaths without VAD					
Died after issue of VAD Permit (no administration)	6	58	102	126	**292**
Died after first request accepted, but before VAD Permit issued	na	72	96	97	**265**
Assessed as eligible, but later Ineligible eg due to loss of decision making capacity or administration change	na	11	23	23	**57**
Underlying disease (people who died with a VAD permit)	(of 45)	(of 214)	(of 353)	(of 370)	**(of 982)**
Cancer	27	174	261	273	**735**
percentage	60%	81%	74%	74	**75%**
Neurodegenerative	10	22	30	40	**102**
percentage	22	10	8.5	11	**10%**
other eg heart failure, end stage organ failure, respiratory disease	8	18	62	57	**145**
percentage	18	9	17.5	16	**15%**
Demographics					
Median age (died with VAD Permit)					**Percent**
Age over 60	89%	85%	91%	90%	**89%**
Female	44%	47%	43%	45%	**45%**
Male	56%	53%	57%	55%	**55%**
Born in Australia	73%	69%	70%	69%	**70%**
ATSI	1	1%	1%	<1%	**1**
Interpreter used		1%	1%	<1%	**1**
Post high school education	41%			29%	
Location (people died with VAD Permit)					**Percent**
Metro	72%	67%	65%	62%	**67**
Regional	28%	33%	35%	38%	**34**
Private residence	51%	51%	44%	45%	**48**
Hospital^	40%	36%	44%	47%	**42**
Residential Aged Care	9%	22%	11%	8%	**13**
Receiving Palliative care	72%	80%	81%	82%	**79**
VAD trained practitioners (number)	66	75	83	88	**75**
VAD as % total deaths in SA	0.6%	1.0%	1.6%	1.5%	

five months, Jan 31 to June 30

* preliminary quarterly data

** combined self & practitioner administration

^ between 5% and 10% are private hospitals

Source: South Australia VAD Review Board Annual Reports