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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 Covid-19 deaths.

You asked:

How many people have died in your hospitals from Covid 19 alone? As in they died only due to Covid 19. I can see the figures that you publish online, but these are deaths within 28 days of a positive Covid test, so they could have died from other causes. I just want to know the exact figure from 1st February 2020 until the 20th December of people that have died due to Covid-19 and not anything else please.

Trust response:

The only figures that are collated by the Trust is the official national criteria – i.e. deaths within 28 days of a Covid test – to get the figures requested would involve auditing the patient records for a definitive answer.

The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider 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 your request and we will not be processing your request further.