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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 SARS-COV2 & Covid-19.

You asked:

- 1. The number of confirmed SARS-COV2 cases in your Trust in the period 01/01/2020-31/12/2020;*
- 2. The number of confirmed COVID19 cases in your Trust (the disease caused by SARS-COV2, not SARS-COV2) in the period 01/01/2020-31/12/2020;*
- 3. The number of deaths with SARS-COV2 present in your Trust in the period 01/01/2020-31/12/2020;*
- 4. The number of deaths with COVID19 (the disease caused by SARS-COV2, not SARS-COV2) present in your Trust in the period 01/01/2020-31/12/2020;*
- 5. The number of deaths caused by SARS-COV2 in your Trust in the period 01/01/2020-31/12/2020;*
- 6. The number of deaths caused by COVID19 (the disease caused by SARS-COV2, not SARS-COV2) in your Trust in the period 01/01/2020-31/12/2020;*
- 7. As COVID19 is a notifiable disease, the number of COVID19 cases notified to the appropriate authority by your Trust in the period 01/01/2020-31/12/2020;*

Trust response:

1. & 2.

The Trust does not differentiate between SARS-COV2 and Covid-19. We are counting SARS-COV2 and COVID-19 cases as per the national guidance. The figure, and a description of the definition we are using can be found via the link below:

Covid-19 Hospital Activity:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-hospital-activity/>

3., 4., 5, & 6.

The Trust does not hold the information related to patient death in the level of detail requested.

The Trust is able to advise how many patients have died in hospital with no comorbidities (including obesity) detailed on their death certificates i.e., death certificates that are clean except for Covid 19 recorded in section 1a (please see below). It should be noted that this data may not accurately respond to the question asked.

| Feb 20 | Mar 20 | Apr 20 | May 20 | Jun 20 | Jul 20 | Aug 20 | Sep 20 | Oct 20 | Nov 20 | Dec 20 | Jan 21 | Feb 21 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 27 | 5 |

Consensus expert view would need to be taken with many comorbidities due to the varying clinical opinions on existing health conditions / clinical evidence / scientific data to decide whether any co-morbidities were contributory to the cause of death or not. Such review of individual patients would take longer than the appropriate limit to complete. 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.

COVID-19 deaths are recorded by the Trust as per national guidance. The figure, and a description of the definition we are using, is published daily and can be found via the link below:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-daily-deaths/>

The link to the Trust level data is available in the daily spreadsheet in the section titled 'COVID-19 all announced deaths'.

Please note that we are providing these links under Section 21 of the FOI Act – 'Information reasonably accessible to the applicant via other means'.

7. All were reported.