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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 Ward 22 Tunbridge Wells Hospital (TWH). Please accept our apologies for the time taken to gather the information requested.

You asked:

The statistics presented are for April-May 2019 and April-May 2020. However, in response to question 5 it shows TWH covid positive admissions as 86 for April-May 2019 and 61 for April-May 2020! I assume that the 86 refers to April 2020 and the 61 to May 2020? Please clarify.

I note that Ward 22 was primarily for Stroke Rehabilitation in April and May 2019. Admissions were low and occupancy high so average time in the Ward was likely high.

- 1) Please set out what happened to Ward 22 from the beginning of January 2020 through to the end of March 2020, in terms of its primary focus.*
- 2) What happened to the stroke rehabilitation patients when Ward 22 changed to dealing with general medical?*
- 3) How did 10 extra beds fit into Ward 22?*
- 4) Please provide a breakdown of the 328 admissions to Ward 22 in April-May 2020 as follows: A total figure for April and then a patient flow chart for each day in May, showing admissions and leavers (for whatever reason).*
- 5) It is our understanding that Ward 22 was taking patients who had been tested for Covid and were awaiting results. If positive then they would be transferred to another ward/unit. So please could we have the number of*

admissions to Ward 22 during May 2020 that turned into positive Covid cases and whether or not they were transferred to other wards/units.

6] Ward 22 experienced 38 deaths in April-May 2020. Could we please have a breakdown of the numbers of deaths on a daily basis in May and an indication of the main causes of those deaths including Covid, if any. Could we also have an age profile of the deaths in May.

7) How many Covid-19 deaths occurred in TWH, by month, during the whole of 2020?

8) During May 2020 what were the % age staffing levels in TWH, broken down into ancillary staff, nursing staff, doctors, registrars, consultants? Same figures for May 2019 as well please.

9) Please provide any statistics that are available on staffing levels within Ward 22 for May 2020.

Trust response:

Please accept our apologies for the error in the original response letter. The correct dates have been added to the table below.

	TWH Covid positive admissions
Apr-20	86
May-20	61

1. Ward 22 was used for stroke rehabilitation until Autumn 2019. It was gradually emptied in August/September 2019 as patients were transferred to Maidstone.

2. Stroke services were reorganised across the Trust in Autumn 2019. Chaucer ward at Maidstone Hospital received the stroke patients from Tunbridge Wells.

3. Ward 22 reopened on 7th October 2019 as a 32-bed general ward (encompassing the 22 beds of the former stroke rehab ward plus the 10 beds of the Tunbridge Wells Acute Stroke Unit).

4.

Transfer				Transfer			net change
Date	Admit	IN	total	Discharge	OUT	Total	
01/04/20	7	2	9	2	5	7	2
02/04/20	7	0	7	4	5	9	-2
03/04/20	7	0	7	7	1	8	-1
04/04/20	3	3	6	0	6	6	0
05/04/20	7	1	8	4	1	5	3
06/04/20	3	0	3	3	2	5	-2
07/04/20	7	0	7	4	2	6	1
08/04/20	4	0	4	6	0	6	-2
09/04/20	6	1	7	5	3	8	-1
10/04/20	5	1	6	4	2	6	0
11/04/20	6	0	6	3	2	5	1

12/04/20	4	1	5	7	2	9	-4
13/04/20	8	0	8	3	0	3	5
14/04/20	6	1	7	4	1	5	2
15/04/20	4	0	4	2	4	6	-2
16/04/20	5	1	6	7	3	10	-4
17/04/20	3	1	4	4	0	4	0
18/04/20	5	0	5	1	0	1	4
19/04/20	3	2	5	0	3	3	2
20/04/20	3	0	3	1	3	4	-1
21/04/20	1	3	4	6	3	9	-5
22/04/20	6	1	7	3	6	9	-2
23/04/20	2	1	3	1	4	5	-2
24/04/20	4	2	6	5	1	6	0
25/04/20	3	0	3	2	1	3	0
26/04/20	6	1	7	1	0	1	6
27/04/20	0	2	2	2	1	3	-1
28/04/20	5	1	6	3	1	4	2
29/04/20	8	0	8	6	1	7	1
30/04/20	6	4	10	0	8	8	2
01/05/20	7	2	9	6	9	15	-6
02/05/20	4	2	6	1	0	1	5
03/05/20	4	0	4	1	4	5	-1
04/05/20	8	2	10	2	6	8	2
05/05/20	4	2	6	3	9	12	-6
06/05/20	7	3	10	4	8	12	-2
07/05/20	10	2	12	4	3	7	5
08/05/20	2	4	6	2	3	5	1
09/05/20	3	1	4	1	2	3	1
10/05/20	4	3	7	3	5	8	-1
11/05/20	5	1	6	3	4	7	-1
12/05/20	5	1	6	3	4	7	-1
13/05/20	8	3	11	2	9	11	0
14/05/20	6	0	6	1	5	6	0
15/05/20	8	0	8	6	7	13	-5
16/05/20	8	0	8	2	2	4	4
17/05/20	6	1	7	1	2	3	4
18/05/20	3	2	5	4	8	12	-7
19/05/20	12	1	13	3	9	12	1
20/05/20	5	1	6	3	3	6	0
21/05/20	11	3	14	0	12	12	2
22/05/20	4	2	6	6	3	9	-3
23/05/20	7	1	8	1	1	2	6
24/05/20	7	1	8	2	5	7	1
25/05/20	4	2	6	3	3	6	0
26/05/20	4	0	4	6	3	9	-5
27/05/20	4	1	5	5	2	7	-2

28/05/20	4	2	6	2	5	7	-1
29/05/20	4	2	6	1	5	6	0
30/05/20	6	9	15	2	4	6	9
31/05/20	2	1	3	2	1	3	0

Please note: There were 320 admissions into Ward 22 in April and May 2020. 328 patients admitted to Ward 22 were discharged in this time.

5. In order to gather this information the Trust would need to review every individual patient admitted at that time. The system would only have ward moves and not the reason for the move without looking at the case notes. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of 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 this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.

6. Please note: You will appreciate that patient identifiable information is, by its very nature, owed a duty of confidence, the disclosure of which would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person. Section 41 (FOI) provides an absolute exemption for information meeting this definition. Whilst health records relating to deceased people do not carry a common law duty of confidentiality, it is Department of Health and General Medical Council policy that records relating to deceased people should be treated with the same level of confidentiality as those relating to living people. Access to the health records of a deceased person is governed by the Access to Health Records Act 1990.

The Trust will not provide the information as detailed as requested as this may provide sufficient information to allow for the patient to be identified. We can provide details of the number of deaths in May 2020 for Ward 22, the age range of the patients who have died in May 2020 for Ward 22 and the list of entries in section 1a of the death certificates for those patients who died in May 2020 for Ward 22.

Number of Deaths in May
20

Age range
84 to 97

1a on MCCD
1a Covid-19 pneumonia
1a Intracranial Haemorrhage (Non Traumatic)

1a MOF
1a Pneumonia
1a Sepsis
1a Upper gastrointestinal bleed
1a Urosepsis

7.

Month / Year of admission	Total number of patients who have died following a positive Covid swab
Mar-20	21
Apr-20	21
May-20	27
Jun-20	5
Jul-20	0
Aug-20	1
Sep-20	1
Oct-20	5
Nov-20	31
Dec-20	102
Jan-21	73
Feb-21	13
Mar-21	1
Apr-21	0
May-21	0
Jun-21	1
Jul-21	6

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Please note: All numbers are based on primary assignment only, and Permanent + fixed term contract staff members

		31st May 2020	31st May 2019
		%	%
Nursing staff	Staff Group N+M - does not include Health Care assistants/ support workers or AHP staff	36.1%	33.3%
Doctors	Speciality Drs and Foundation Year 1 & 2	5.5%	6.0%
Consultants		4.3%	4.4%
Registrars		0.8%	0.8%
Ancillary ()	All other staff not listed above	53.3%	55.5%

9. In response to this question we started at the date of your mother's death and worked backwards. We were only able to complete three days of information within the 18-hour timeframe.

15th May 2020 ward 22 staff long day - 5 staff nurse and 4 CSW (Clinical Support Worker)

Night - 3 staff nurses and 4 CSW

16th May 2020 long day - 6 staff nurses and 3 CSW

night - 5 staff nurses and 4 CSW

17th May 2020 long day - 4 staff nurse and 4 CSW

Night - 4 staff nurses and 3 CSW.