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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:

All questions pertain to the following dates: 01/12/2019 to 30/11/2021. I would like to know the following:

1.a) How many people have died in your hospitals within 28 days of testing positive for COVID-19?

1.b) Of those people, how many had underlying health conditions / co-morbidities and how many did not? Please provide absolute numbers and percentages.

1.c) Please also state the top 5 underlying health conditions / co-morbidities of those people.

1.d) Please state how many of those people were vaccinated and how many were not. Please provide absolute numbers and percentages. For vaccinated people, please break down the response in the following way: i) received one dose, ii) received two or more doses.

2.a) How many people have died in your hospitals purely and only due to COVID-19?

2.b) Of those people, how many had underlying health conditions / co-morbidities and how many did not? Please provide absolute numbers and percentages.

2.c) Please also state the top 5 underlying health conditions / co-morbidities of those people.

2.d) Please state how many of those people were vaccinated and how many were not. Please provide absolute numbers and percentages. For vaccinated people, please break down the response in the following way: i) received one dose, ii) received two or more doses.

Please keep the numbers/figures/percentages/etc. provided in response to questions 2.a-d separate from the numbers/figures/percentages/etc. provided in response to questions 1.a-d. If that is not possible, please clearly indicate which numbers are combined.

Trust response:

1.a. There were 725 deaths from 01/12/2019 to 30/11/2021, 625 of these were up to and including 28 days from the first positive Covid swab.

1.b. The Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format. In order to gather the information would require the manual checking of patient records by a clinical staff member. This response is exempt under Section 12 of the Act.

1.c. The Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format. In order to gather the information would require the manual checking of patient records by a clinical staff member. This response is exempt under Section 12 of the Act.

1.d. The Trust did not start collecting vaccine data until 1 June 2021 therefore 614 of these patients do NOT have any vaccine data recorded

Of the remaining 71 patients, the vaccination status is as follows:

Confirmed no vaccine received	15
1 dose	3
2 doses	45
2 doses + booster	1
Unknown if vaccine received	7

2.a. The Trust is able to advise that 23 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 from 01.01.2020 to 30.11.2021 inclusive (please see below). It should be noted that this data may not accurately respond to the question asked.

2.b. Any other co-morbidities would be recorded in the patient records. In order to confirm this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. 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.

2.c. Please see the response to Q2.b.

2.d. The Trust is not required to hold this information in a reportable format. It may be possible that this information has been entered into a patients record but in order to confirm this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. The Trust has estimated that it will cost

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