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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 PCRs, treatments and deaths.

You asked:

- 1) Is your hospital still running the PCR tests for SARS-Cov-2 at 40-45ct cycles?*
- 2) Is the NHS still classifying any death as a Covid death for anyone who has tested positive with a PCR test within the past 28 days, as previously stated in the March 2020 update on the NHS website about dealing with excess deaths?*
- 3) Is the NHS aware that the PCR is a non-diagnostic test and becomes 100% unreliable after 27ct cycles?*
- 4) How does the NHS testing system determine which variant a patient has and is this via the PCR tests?*

I am aware of the online statistics site where a lot of information can be found, however i would like some more detailed information regarding specifics so my following questions are;

- 5.a) How many people have died in your hospital from Covid alone since February 1st 2020 to December 12th 2021 without any other underlying conditions or possible causes of death?*
- b) How many of these patients were prescribed Midazolam?*
- 6) What are the annual numbers of prescriptions of Midazolam for the past 10 years within your hospital?*
- 7) What are the annual numbers of DNR's issued in the past 10 years at your hospital?*
- 8) Have the following viruses/strains, to your knowledge, been isolated or purified;*
 - SARS-Cov-2?*
 - Kent variant B117?*

-Delta variant?

-Omicron variant?

9.a) How many patients have been admitted to your hospital for Covid and were vaccinated against it since December 5th 2020?

b) How many died while in your care?

10.a) How many patients have been admitted to your hospital for Covid and were unvaccinated against it since December 5th 2020?

b) How many of them died while in your care?

11) What are the annual numbers of patients diagnosed with myocarditis for the past 10 years within your hospital?

12) What are the annual numbers of blood clot related deaths for the past 10 years within your hospital?

13) What are the annual numbers of miscarriages for the past 10 years within your hospital?

14) What percentage of your beds are allocated for Covid patients?

Trust response:

1. The PCR tests which MTW run for SARS-Cov-2 run for at least 33 cycles. Samples are reported as SARS-Cov-2 DETECTED when they cross a set threshold before 28 cycles. Samples crossing the threshold at or after 28 cycles are confirmed with a second PCR which detects different targets for SARS-Cov-2

2. We can confirm that the trust still classifies a death of a patient with a positive swab within the past 28 days as a Covid death.

3. This question is asking for an opinion and not recorded information and is therefore not covered under the FOI Act.

4. The sample is referred to two other testing laboratories for:
PCR testing for Variants of concern (VOC)

SARS-Cov-2 Sequencing (UKHSA lab)

5.

a. 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.

<u>Months</u>	<u>T/Wells</u>	<u>Maidstone</u>
Jan 2020	0	0
Feb	0	0
March	1	0
April	3	5
May	3	1
June	4	0
July	0	0
Aug	0	0
Sept	0	0
Oct	0	0
Nov	2	1
Dec	3	9
Jan 2021	10	17

Feb	2	3
March	0	1
April	0	0
May	0	0
June	0	0
July	0	0
Aug	0	1
Sept	1	2
Oct	1	0
Nov	0	0
Dec	0	1

b. The Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format. There is no legal requirement to record the administration of Midazolam in controlled drug registers. The information is held on an individual patients record only and the Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request.

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8. All of these variants of SARS-Cov-2 have been detected at the Trust.

9.

a. There were 1200 patients admitted from the 01/06/2021 to 27/05/2022 who were vaccinated. We are unable to go back any further as vaccine data was only collected from 01/06/2021.

b. Of those 1200 patients, 172 died while in our care.

10.

a. There were 396 patients admitted from the 01/06/2021 to 27/05/2022 who were unvaccinated. We are unable to go back any further as vaccine data was only collected from 01/06/2021.

b. Of those 396 patients, 31 died while in our care.

11. The Trust is unable to provide data prior to 2016. The table below shows the number of patients diagnosed with myocarditis by calendar year.

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (5 Months)
2	9	7	17	16	54	15

12. 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 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.

13. The Trust is unable to provide data prior to 2016. The table below show the number of miscarriages by calendar year.

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (Only 5 months)
396	442	476	525	620	641	258

14. The percentage of beds that are allocated for Covid patients will fluctuate depending on the demand.