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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 Bed capacity and hospital admissions.

You asked:

"1) Bed Capacity – last 5 years: Please provide average bed capacity for the previous five years as follows:

Total Bed Capacity (all wards).

Covid-19 Bed Capacity

2) Bed Capacity for 2021: Please provide bed capacity for the current year so far. For comparative purposes please use the following period each month:

The first Wednesday of every month between the hours of 12noon and 4.00pm.

Total Bed Capacity (all wards)

Covid-19 Bed Capacity

3) Hospital Admissions – last 5 years: Please provide number of Admissions (all causes) for the previous five years as follows:

All Admissions

Admissions – where the patient has received 1 or more dose of an authorised Covid-19 Vaccination

Admissions – where the patient has NOT received any Covid-19 vaccination

4) Hospital Admissions for 2021: Please provide total number of admissions (for all causes) by month for the current year so far, split by Covid-19 vaccinated and unvaccinated.

All Admissions

Admissions – where the patient has received 1 or more dose of an authorised Covid-19 Vaccination

Admissions – where the patient has NOT received any Covid-19 vaccination

5) PCR Result of Hospital Admissions: Please provide breakdown of number of patients testing positive/negative with a Covid-19 PCR Test 2019 and 2020

Number of Patients testing positive with a Covid-19 PCR Test
 Number of Patients testing negative with a Covid-19 PCR Test
 6) PCR Result of Hospital Admissions for 2021: Please provide breakdown of number of patients testing positive/negative with a PCR test for the current year

At the time of Admission

No of Patients testing positive

No of patients testing Negative

7) Covid-19 Specific Admissions: Please provide total number of patients admitted where the primary reason for treatment was Covid-19 in 2019 and 2020.

Total number of Admissions where the primary treatment was for Covid-19

8) Covid-19 Admissions for 2021: Please provide number of Covid-19 admissions for 2021 where the primary reason for treatment was Covid-19

Total number of patients admitted where the primary reason for treatment was Covid-19"

Trust response:

1.

| | 2016 from 1 st April | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Total Bed Capacity (all wards). | 744 | 744 | 717 | 700 | 668 |
| Covid-19 Bed Capacity | n/a | n/a | n/a | XX | XX |

2. The Trust is able to provide the first Wednesday of every month a 7am snapshot.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Total Bed Capacity (all wards) | 706 | 641 | 613 | 645 | 656 | 674 | 712 | 681 | 686 | 629 | 704 | 710 |
| Covid-19 Bed Capacity | XX | XX | XX | XX | XX | XX | XX | XX | XX | XX | XX | XX |

XX - The Trust does not hold beds for COVID capacity, we create the capacity we need by converting non-COVID to COVID capacity dependent on need and then convert back to non-COVID once surges are over.

3. Please note the vaccination status of Covid-19 positive patients was not recorded until June 2021

| | 2016 from 1 st April | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| All Admissions | 107,360 | 142,367 | 147,278 | 156,269 | 123,820 |

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|---|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Admissions – where the patient has received 1 or more dose of an authorised Covid-19 Vaccination | Not applicable (n/a) | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| Admissions – where the patient has NOT received any Covid-19 vaccination | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable |

4. Please note the vaccination status of Covid-19 positive patients was not recorded until June 2021.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|--|------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| All Admissions | 8476 | 8703 | 11,436 | 11,613 | 12,244 | 12,195 | 12,197 | 12,221 | 12,295 | 12,468 | 12,503 | 11,831 |
| Admissions – where the patient has received 1 or more dose of an authorised Covid-19 Vaccination | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 9 | 50 | 41 | 53 | 103 | 74 | 113 |
| Admissions – where the patient has <u>NOT</u> received any Covid-19 vaccination | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 6 | 45 | 42 | 33 | 39 | 49 | 74 |

5. The Trust does not record electronically the type of test, PCR, Rapid or lateral flow, the patients who tested positive to Covid-19 had used. 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.

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7. The Trust has used the primary diagnosis of Covid-19 to answer this question.

| | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Total number of Admissions where the primary diagnosis was for Covid-19 | 0 | 1087 |

8. The Trust has used the primary diagnosis of Covid-19 to answer this question.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total number of patients admitted where the primary diagnosis was Covid-19 | 592 | 117 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 11 | 71 | 65 | 69 | 94 | 106 | 131 |