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Thank you for your request concerning COVID19.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

- 1. the number of patients in your hospital(s) who tested positive for Covid-19, having tested negative at their time of admission. I am interested in the time period 1 Feb until 30 September 2020.**

We are unable to provide you with the number of hospital acquired Covid 19 cases going back to February 2020 because we were not required to capture and record this information at that time. To go back now and manually retrieve this information would invoke Section 12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

- 2. the number of these patients who subsequently died from Covid-19. If your trust has more than one hospital, please break down the figures by hospital. Please note this FOI concerns only inpatients who contracted coronavirus during their time in hospital.**

Please see the answer to question 1. We are unable to provide you with the number of deaths from hospital acquired Covid-19 because this information was not captured in a reportable manner at that time.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

