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Thank you for your request concerning Hospital Acquired Covid 19 Cases.

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

- 1. Please can you tell me how many cases of hospital-acquired Covid-19 the trust has had since 1st March 2020 to the present day. Please break this down by probable and definite nosocomial infections if this data is available.**

We are unable to provide you with the number of hospital acquired Covid 19 cases going back to March 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. Please state the date the case was discovered, the name of the hospital and the ward/department where the patient was, the outcome for the patient (i.e. recovered, died), and whether any staff were also affected (if so, please state how many and the area of the hospital where they work).**

We have applied Exemption Section 40(2) to releasing the requested breakdown of outbreaks by date, hospital, ward/department, outcome, patient or staff status because this information could potentially identify individual(s) and constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act (2018).

- 3. Please also include any information that was shared with Public Health England on these cases.**

During all outbreaks of infection, we submitted the daily IIMARCH forms to NHSE. In addition, we held daily outbreak control team meetings where PHE and NHSE were invited and frequently attended. They also received the minutes of the Outbreak Control Team meetings.

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*

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**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](#).

