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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 also give me the number of deaths from hospital acquired Covid-19 infections (probable and definite cases). If you are able, in each case, please can you tell me if you informed the patient's relative that it was a hospital acquired infection**

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](#).

