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Our Ref: FOI/04222

Thank you for your request concerning the number of people who have died of Covid 19 in our hospitals.

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

- 1.a) **How many people have died in your hospitals within 28 days of testing positive for COVID-19?**
- 1.b) **Of those people, how many had underlying health conditions / co-morbidities and how many did not? Please provide absolute numbers and percentages.**
- 1.c) **Please also state the top 5 underlying health conditions / co-morbidities of those people.**
- 1.d) **Please state how many of those people were vaccinated and how many were not. Please provide absolute numbers and percentages.**

**For vaccinated people, please break down the response in the following way:**

- i) received one dose,
- ii) received two or more doses.

- 2.a) **How many people have died in your hospitals purely and only due to COVID-19?**
- 2.b) **Of those people, how many had underlying health conditions / co-morbidities and how many did not? Please provide absolute numbers and percentages.**
- 2.c) **Please also state the top 5 underlying health conditions / co-morbidities of those people.**
- 2.d) **Please state how many of those people were vaccinated and how many were not. Please provide absolute numbers and percentages.**

**For vaccinated people, please break down the response in the following way:**

- i) received one dose,
- ii) received two or more doses.

Firstly we would like to apologise for the length of time this request has taken. We have endeavoured to retrieve this information but we now find that we are unable to provide the answers to the above questions relating to service users who died in our hospitals within the appropriate limit.

We are a provider of mental health and specialist learning disability services and although we can confirm that there were service users who died of Covid 19, many were in the community or transferred to the Acute Trusts at the time of their death.

To provide you with the answers to questions 1a) to 1dii) and 2a) to 2dii) would involve manually going through the service users records to ascertain their vaccination status and if there were any underlying health conditions because this information is not held in a reportable format.

Between 01/12/2019 and 30/11/2021 sadly 235 of our service users lost their life to Covid 19, of which 22 were on our wards at the time of their death. We cannot state if these deaths would have been within 28 days of a positive test result, as there was not a requirement to record this information until August 2020.

At a conservative estimate of 15 mins per question (12 questions) to scrutinise each record would equate to a minimum of 66 hours work @ £25 = £1,650.00. Therefore we have applied exemption S12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

In addition, we do not believe reading through individuals medical records for the purpose of a FOI request would be in line with the GDPR Data Protection Principles or the Caldicott Principles.

Should you require further clarification or like to discuss payment, 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](#).

