

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: 20-392**

29 September 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

For all the information below please could you provide data from between the dates 01/03/2020 to 01/08/2020, and where possible, could you please provide the figures for each individual month.

1. Have records of Covid-19 infections in patients which were hospital acquired been kept?

If so:

a) How many Covid-19 infections in patients were hospital acquired?

Please find below the figure for each month of infections which were either probable or definite hospital onset:

Month 2020	Hospital Onset – Probable	Hospital Onset – Definite
	Sample 8-14 days after admission	Sample 15+ days after admission
March	4	11
April	10	24
May	45	40
June	2	2
July	2	0

b) Of those who acquired Covid-19 while in hospital, how many died?

51 of the patients included in 1a passed away after testing positive for COVID-19. This does not mean that they passed away from COVID-19 related disease.

c) What was the total number of Covid-19 deaths in hospital?

We do hold this information, however, under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are not obliged to provide information that is already publically accessible by reasonable means. This information can therefore be found at

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-daily-deaths/>

2. Have records been kept of members of staff who contracted Covid-19? If so:

a) How many members of staff contracted Covid-19?

Please note, to enable us to respond to this request for information would require us to access personnel and health records of our employees which we do not judge to be fair or reasonable and would contravene principle 1 of the Data Protection Act, disclosure of this information is therefore exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

b) How many members of staff were absent from work due to Covid-19?

Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual search for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

c) How many members of staff died due to Covid-19?

Two of our colleagues have passed away and had tested positive for COVID-19.

3. What is the total number of Covid-19 infections recorded in hospital?

We do hold this information, however, under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are not obliged to provide information that is already publically accessible by reasonable means. This information can therefore be found at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-hospital-activity/>.

4. What is the procedure for when a patient is diagnosed with Covid-19 outside a Covid-19 ward?

a) Has this procedure remained the same throughout the time period set out above?

Throughout the pandemic, the Trust has followed, and continues to follow, national guidance for the management of all COVID-19 positive patients. The latest version of this national guidance is [available here](#).

5. What is the procedure for when a member of staff is diagnosed with Covid-19?

a) Has this procedure remained the same throughout the time period set out above?

Throughout the pandemic, the Trust has followed, and continues to follow, national guidance for the management of staff in health and social care settings according to exposures, symptoms and test results. The latest version of this national guidance is [available here](#).

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust

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Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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