

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-121**

19 March 2021

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:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

**1) Between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021 (or the most recent date for which figures are available), how many Covid-19 infections in patients were hospital acquired?  
i) of these, how many were probable infections (ie within 8-14 days of admission to hospital)?  
ii) and how many were definite infections (15 days or more after admission to hospital)?  
Month 20/21 "Hospital Onset Unlikely**

We do not differentiate to this detail as per national NHSE/I guidance.

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply Section 21 of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain on the following link:

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

Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**2) Of those who acquired Covid-19 while in hospital between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021 (or the most recent date for which figures are available), how many died?**

The Trust does not differentiate to this detail as per national NHSE/I guidance. The Trust does 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/>

**3) What was the total number of Covid-19 deaths at your trust between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021 (or the most recent date for which figures are available)?**

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**4) How many members of staff contracted Covid-19 between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021 (or the most recent date for which figures are available)?**

We do not hold this information, as per national guidance the Trust commenced Covid specific absence reporting only

**5) How many members of staff were absent from work due to Covid-19 between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021 (or the most recent date for which figures are available)?**

The Trust commenced absence reporting for Covid specific illness or symptoms in June 2020, we do not hold data prior to this date

Month	Covid (Symptoms or Positive Test)
Feb-21	233
Jan-21	464
Dec-20	336
Nov-20	242
Oct-20	186
Sep-20	182
Aug-20	120
Jul-20	199
Jun-20	99

**6) How many members of staff died due to Covid-19 between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021 (or the most recent date for which figures are available)?**

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**7) What is the total number of Covid-19 infections a) among patients and b) among staff recorded at your trust between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021?**

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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  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

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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