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Dear

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 22/04/2021.

I'm writing in regards to the reliability of the statistics for 'Covid 19' related deaths from March 2020 to March 2021 at Portsmouth' Queen Alexandra Hospital'. For the purpose of transparency, this request asks for information as to:

- 1. How many deaths have been due to 'Covid 19' only?**
 - What is the age range of those that have died as a result of Covid 19 only?**

The Trust is counting COVID-19 deaths as per the national guidance. The figure, and a description of the definition we are using, is published daily and can be found via the link below:

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

The link to the Trust level data is available in the daily spreadsheet in the section titled 'COVID-19 all announced deaths.

The Trust has also received advice from NHS England who have provided the link below:

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/deaths>

If you require any additional information we will be happy to provide this to you but please be aware that this could take 2-3 months until we respond. With the current second wave of the pandemic, all clinical needs are being prioritised over freedom of information requests.

Covid statistic are published via the NHS England Website monthly. The publication covers:

- the number of patients in hospital with COVID including those in mechanical ventilation
- the number of patients admitted to hospital with COVID
- the number of patients diagnosed in hospital with COVID
- the number of patients discharged from hospital
- staffing absences
- hospital admissions,

- number of beds occupied by Covid patients
- number of MV beds (capable of supporting mechanical ventilation) occupied by Covid patients
- number of Adult G&A beds; occupied by Covid patients; occupied by non-Covid patients, unoccupied
- hospital admissions,
- number of all beds occupied by Covid patients
- number of MV beds occupied by Covid patients

Please see link below:

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

2. How many deaths have been due to Covid 19, with other comorbidities?

- **What is the age range of those that have died, due to Covid 19, with other comorbidities?**

The Trust does not hold information in relation to how many patients had died as a result of COVID 19, with underlying health conditions.

To extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of patient records. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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