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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 20/09/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

- 1. Please provide for the period's March 2020-Sept 2020 and March 2021-Sept 2021 the numbers of patients with a positive Covid-19 test who were admitted where the primary reason for admission was Covid -19, and also the numbers of patients with a positive Covid-19 test where the reason for admission was a separate health condition.**

Period	Primary Diagnosis	
	COVID	Non Covid
Mar-Sep 2020	398	117
Mar-Sep 2021	378	389

- 2. Patients are likely to have more than one Covid-19 test during a hospital stay. Please provide a breakdown of the number of patients who had more than one positive Covid-19 test during an admission. Please clarify whether these positive tests are reported to the national system as individual tests, i.e. are repeated tests from the same patient counted as additional cases, or are they identified as a single person/case who has tested positive more than once over a period of time.**

Period	>1 Positive Test
Mar – Sept 2020	55
Mar – Sept 2021	493

Tests include the pre-admission testing. Patients are counted as a single person, only the first positive test would be reported into the Trust's reporting system.

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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