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Freedom of Information request

Firstly, please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in providing you with a response.

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 25/03/2022. Please see responses to your requests below.

For all the information below please could you provide data from between the dates 01/12/2021 to 25/03/2022, and could you please provide the figures for each individual month. An Excel form has been included for this information to be easily filed.

1) The monthly number of probable hospital-acquired Covid-19 infections (8-14 days after admission)

	Probable Hospital Acquired COVID-19 Infections	Definite Hospital Acquired COVID-19 Infections	Probable Nosocomial Deaths of COVID-19 Infections	Definite Nosocomial Deaths of COVID-19 Infections
	8-14 days	15 + Days	8-14 days	15 + Days
Dec – 21	13	10	<4	<4
Jan – 22	57	28	7	<4
Feb – 22	37	28	8	<4
Mar – 22	73	62	9	<4

The Trust uses small number suppression for figures of less than four to protect our patients' identity under the Data Protection Act 2018. This reduces the risk that individuals could be identified from the figures.

In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure.

2) The monthly number of definite hospital-acquired Covid-19 infections (>14 days)

Please see answer in question 1.

3) The monthly number of patients who died in hospital after acquiring a ‘probable’ hospital-acquired Covid-19 infection

Please see answer in question 1.

4) The monthly number of patients who died in hospital after acquiring a ‘definite’ hospital-acquired Covid-19 infection

Please see answer in question 1.

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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