

FOI017 Response

Request

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Please provide data over the broadest timeframe you can, within the cost limits of the Freedom of Information Act. Please also provide dates of patients' deaths. If that would identify them, please provide the week they died or, if that would still identify them, the month. I understand that most patients with severe coronavirus will have been transferred to acute units, if that helps with your search. Please also provide me with a rough figure of the total number of in-patients your facilities support.

2. Since 1 March, what policies/procedures have your in-patient facilities put in place to deal with coronavirus? Please provide dates of enactment. Such policies/procedures might include (but are not limited to): asking providers to release patients early where possible; cancelling leave for in-patients; suspending advocacy services; stopping legal hearings; preventing patient readmissions; separating patients (whether through segregation or other forms). In situations where patients were released early, please, if possible, provide a total number. I understand that some policies may have been enacted and then retracted, therefore please provide dates for when they came into effect and were undone. Please also provide documentation, where possible, for the relevant policies/procedures.

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Since 20th February 2020 there have been 131 inpatients with either confirmed or suspected coronavirus. Out of the 131 inpatients there have been no deaths related to coronavirus.

Please note that for some of the patients who have contracted coronavirus, it is not possible to determine whether the coronavirus was contracted before or after admission to our inpatient facilities.

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Please see attached two zip folders which contains the Trust's policies and internal guidelines in relation to the corona virus.

Please also note that the Trust has applied an exemption to the attached policies and guidelines as they hold personal information. With this in mind Section 40 has been applied which means that the authors names have been redacted from the policies and internal guidelines.

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Exemption applied, Section 21: Information accessible to applicant by other means.

Please note that the Trust will not be providing a response to this query as the information can be obtained from NHS England and the Department of Health.

Please can you direct this query to NHS England and the Department of Health.