

## **FOI 0194/2021 Response**

### **Request**

Hi

Please can you tell me how many cases of hospital-acquired Covid-19 the trust has had since 1st March 2020.

Please state the date the case was discovered, the name of the hospital and the ward/department where the patient was, the outcome for the patient (i.e. recovered, died), and whether any staff were also affected (if so, please state how many and the area of the hospital where they work).

Please also include any information that was shared with Public Health England on these cases.

### **Response**

Information withheld under exemption Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit, as it will take over 18 hours to complete this response.

Although the Trust do report the number of Covid-19 infections to NHS England/NHS Improvement, the data that is reported is explicitly for individual outbreak of hospital acquired Covid-19 infection.

Obtaining the data which verifies if each individual patient acquired nosocomial Covid-19 infection as well as the subsequent outcome of contracting the infection, and staff members effected will require exhaustive manual measures of reviewing each patient's clinical notes.

Please note that as we are a Mental Health Trust the number of patients with hospitals acquired Covid-19 infection may not be explicitly nosocomial as some patients are able to access leave.

The Trust is of the reasonable opinion that the data for probable and definite nosocomial Covid-19 infections within our inpatient services cannot be provided.

The manual search and collation required to obtain the requested data will exceed the threshold and capacity of the Trust to carrying out this task. The Trust therefore rely on the exemption Section 12 to deny your request