

FOI REF: 21/002

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Can you supply me with the following monthly data for the trust, for March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December 2020:

- 1. How many Covid 19/Coronavirus patients were in intensive care units?**
- 2. Total number of beds in the trust at the time?**
- 3. How many of these beds were occupied?**

As we are sure you will appreciate, the Trust is facing an unprecedented challenge in managing the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Our teams do not therefore have the capacity to respond to your freedom of information request during this extraordinary period and we apologise that we will not be able to respond. If you would still like the information please resubmit your request at the beginning of April.

If applicable, could you also provide the following:

- 4. Community Occupancy %**

Please see above.

- 5. Adult Mental Health Beds Occupancy %**

Please note that East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not provide a Mental Health Service. This service is provided by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust who are the Mental Health Trust for this area, their Freedom of Information email address is:-

foi@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk

- 6. Older Adult Mental Health Occupancy %**

Please see above.

7. How many of the patients died FROM Coronavirus/Covid-19

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'.

8. How many of the patients died WITH Coronavirus/Covid-19

Please see above.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to Lynette Wells, Director of Corporate Affairs, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (lynette.wells2@nhs.net) quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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