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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:

Would you be kind enough to send me the figures of how many patients you have in our hospitals in East Sussex who are confirmed and suffering from Covid-19 currently.

How do you determine if someone has Covid-19 rather than another disease? In other words can and do you isolate Covid?

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. However, data relating to COVID is published by NHS England via the link below:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-hospital-activity/>

If you would still like the information please resubmit your request at the beginning of April.

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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