



FOI REF: 21/024

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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:

**I would like to request all of the relevant data regarding covid19 patients, bed capacity, deaths and comparisons to winter seasons prior within your hospitals.**

**Also could you tell me if the hospitals under your care are overwhelmed or on the brink of being overwhelmed, please.**

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, 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'.

Further data regarding Covid-19 can be found 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.

When you resubmit your request would you please confirm the date range for comparisons to winter seasons.

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](mailto:lynette.wells2@nhs.net)) quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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