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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:

Following a recent review of our data we unfortunately understated our true position with regard to staff vaccinations – the previous response did not include both our ESR/NIVS cross-check data as well as the survey data. Revised position shown below. This is in line with the returns we send nationally on this matter.

To explain:

NIVS and our ESR do not share unique, anonymous identifiers (they are not designed to, for reasons of confidentiality). Therefore the cross-check analysis under-estimates the staff vaccination numbers and we supplement that analysis with a survey of staff.

In addition most of our staff vaccinations (1st dose) took place during the peak of wave 2 – at which point almost all staff were either frontline or essential to maintaining frontline services as roles were redeployed to support patient care.

1. Please tell me what percentage of front-line staff at your trust have received their first dose of the covid vaccine?

From our national return data:

Of all staff (9,160 in total) – 92.7% have had 1st doses from our national return of 12 April 2021. As of 10th May this figure is 93.6% (though this figure was not requested in the national return for May).

Of Substantively employed staff (i.e. excluding temporary staff) – 96.2% have had 1st doses from our national return of 12 April 2021. As of 10th May this figure is 97.2% (though this figure was not requested in the national return for May).

2. **If possible, please tell me what percentage of a) doctors b) nurses and midwives c) other front-line staff have received their first dose of the covid vaccine?**

The survey component does not distinguish by staff role, although the ESR/NIVS cross-check shows that the percentages for each group are very similar. Therefore we estimate:

- a) Doctors – estimate 95% (note this includes agency Doctors in the denominator – who may not be active with the Trust as a point in time, which tends to lower the percentage).
- b) Nurses and Midwives – estimate 97% (note this includes Nurses and Midwives working exclusively on a temporary basis which can lower the percentage).
- c) Other Frontline – we offered vaccine to all staff, as explained above – so this category is not defined.

3. **Please also tell me the total numbers of front-line staff who have received their first dose of the covid vaccine and the total numbers of front-line staff who have not received their first dose of the covid vaccine.**

Received 8,569.

Not yet received 666 – although some of these may have received vaccine elsewhere and have not been identified either by survey or on the NIVS/ESR cross-check.

4. **If possible, please tell me the total numbers of staff who have received the first dose of the vaccine and who have not yet been vaccinated broken down by a) doctors b) nurses and midwives c) other front-line staff.**

The split given in the previous response only includes the NIVS/ESR cross-check numbers and is an under-estimate. The split is not available from the combined ESR/NIVS cross-check plus survey method.

5. **Please tell me what percentage of front-line staff at your trust have received their second dose of the covid vaccine?**

From NIVS data analysis and an ongoing survey to patients/staff – we estimate 91% for all staff, 94% for substantive staff.

Please note that the survey work to confirm the number **is still ongoing** and that not all members of staff are actually due their 2nd dose yet.

6. **Again, if possible, please break this down by a) doctors b) nurses and midwives c) other front-line staff.**

This breakdown is not available. However, using NIVS alone the percentages for each staff group are very similar to each other (as above).

7. **Please also tell me the total numbers of front-line staff who have received their second dose of the covid vaccine and the total numbers of front-line staff who have not received their second dose of the covid vaccine.**

We estimate 8,336 of 9,160 have received 2nd doses.

Noting that the survey element is ongoing and not all members of staff are due their second dose yet.

8. **Please provide the total numbers for staff who have received their second dose and not yet received their second dose broken down by a) doctors b) nurses and midwives c) other front-line staff.**

This information is not available from the combined NIVS and survey method.

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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