

FOI REF: 21/252

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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:

- 1) The number of patients who have been referred for assessment at your trust's Long Covid clinic, in the period between December 2020 and 31 March 2021. If possible, please could I have this data broken down by day.**

We are applying a section 22 exemption to this part of your request, as the data is intended for future publication by NHS England and NHS Improvement.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

- 2) Of these, the number of patients who were assessed and then the number services, or other specialist treatment. that were offered treatment over the same period. If possible, please could I have this information broken down by the type of treatment offered, e.g. physiotherapy, rehabilitation**

Section 22 applied, please see above.

- 3) The average waiting time in days between a patient being referred for assessment at the Long Covid clinic and receiving treatment.**

Section 22 applied, please see above.

- 4) The five longest waiting times for patients between being referred for assessment at the Long Covid clinic and receiving treatment.**

Section 22 applied, please see above.

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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 the Freedom of Information Department, esh-tr.foi@nhs.net, quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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