



FOI REF: 21/093

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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. Please could you provide the weekly number of patients admitted with respiratory conditions from 1st September 2019 to 31st January 2021?**

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 following information is available on the NHS England Website via the link below:

- the number of patients in hospital with COVID including those in mechanical ventilation
- the number of patients admitted to hospital with COVID
- the number of patients diagnosed in hospital with COVID
- the number of patients discharged from hospital and

<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.

**2. For the period 1st March 2020 to 31st January 2021 please would you provide the following data?**

- a) The number of patients admitted who tested positive for SARS-COV-2**
- b) The number of patients admitted as new patients who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2**
- c) The number of patients who were already in patients and then tested positive for SARS-CoV-2**
- d) The number of patients admitted who tested positive for SARS AND who showed signs and symptoms of CoViD19**
- e) The number of patients admitted into ITU with serious signs and symptoms of CoViD19, e.g. ARDS, abnormal clotting, other inflammatory symptoms including gastrointestinal and cardiac.**
- f) a breakdown of a – e on a week by week basis.**

[Please see question 1.](#)

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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