

FOI REF: 21/172

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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. Total number of recorded Influenza deaths for the period 01/01/2018 – 31/12/2018.

Nine patients, who had HAI influenza, died with influenza on their death certificate.

Six on Part 1 of death certificate and three on Part 2 of death certificate.

2. Total number of recorded Influenza deaths for the period 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2019.

Two patients with HAI influenza died with influenza on their death certificate, both were on part 1.

3. Total number of recorded Influenza deaths for the period 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2020.

In 2020 there were no deaths attributed to Influenza.

4. Total number of deaths from Covid-19 (where Covid-19 is the only cause of death reported) for the period 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2020.

The Trust does not centrally record whether Covid-19 was the only cause of death. To enable the Trust to provide this information would require a manual review of death certificates.

Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that

this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.

However, we can confirm that there was a total of 276 Covid-19 deaths for the period requested whereby Covid-19 was entered on the death certificate.

- 5. Total number of deaths with Covid-19 (where Covid-19 is not the only cause of death reported but where other co-morbidities are mentioned) for the period 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2020.**

Please see question 4 above.

Please provide this information in relation to every health facility that falls within your Trust.

Please see above.

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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