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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 be grateful if you could provide me with an analysis of deaths by sex, age and cause as per the attached tables for the financial years 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.**

Please see the attached documents and note the following caveats:

- Numbers of deaths routinely collected at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT), also include deaths in other Cause of death (CoD) groups. The numbers for each financial year do not therefore relate to the total numbers of in-hospital deaths.
- The data provided relates to in-hospital deaths, which are put into a CoD group at time of death by a medic. We cannot guarantee all deaths have been placed into a specific CoD group, as this is open to interpretation.
- The data provided is at 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021 - Some CoD details will not have been entered on the Trust system yet, so numbers are incomplete.
- With regards to COVID deaths, these have been included in the ESHT COVID-19 CoD group on the mortality system, where there is any mention of COVID in 1a, 1b or 1c on the death certificate, e.g. the numbers include cases of Covid Pneumonitis in 1a, 1b or 1c and also deaths with other CoDs in 1a on the death certificate. This CoD group does not therefore relate solely to 'Covid only' deaths in part 1a of the death certificate.

Please note that to enable the Trust to provide an accurate response would require a manual review of patients' notes. We are therefore applying Section 12(1) to this request but have provided the information attached with the above caveats.

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.

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](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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## DEATHS

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| <b>FEMALE</b>                         | <b>01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019</b> |              |               |               |               |                    |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                                       | By Age                         |              |               |               |               |                    |              |
| CAUSE OF DEATH GROUP                  | 0 – 12 Months                  | 1 – 12 Years | 13 – 18 Years | 19 – 40 Years | 41 – 60 Years | 61 and above Years | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| Covid-19                              | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0                  | <b>0</b>     |
| Pneumonia                             | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 5             | 204                | <b>209</b>   |
| Sepsis/Septicaemia                    | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 5             | 88                 | <b>93</b>    |
| Cancer                                | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 9             | 87                 | <b>96</b>    |
| Heart Failure                         | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 30                 | <b>30</b>    |
| Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 5             | 25                 | <b>30</b>    |
| Community Acquired Pneumonia          | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 1             | 21                 | <b>22</b>    |
| Myocardial Infarction                 | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 3             | 22                 | <b>25</b>    |
| Bowel Obstruction                     | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 3                  | <b>3</b>     |
| Acute Kidney Injury                   | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 2                  | <b>2</b>     |
| Cerebro-Vascular Incident             | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 25                 | <b>25</b>    |
| Hospital acquired Pneumonia           | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 1             | 0                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Liver Disease                         | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 3                  | <b>3</b>     |
| <b>FEMALE TOTAL</b>                   | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>      | <b>27</b>     | <b>512</b>         | <b>539</b>   |

| <b>MALE</b>                           | <b>01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019</b> |              |               |               |               |                    |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                                       | By Age                         |              |               |               |               |                    |              |
| CAUSE OF DEATH GROUP                  | 0 – 12 Months                  | 1 – 12 Years | 13 – 18 Years | 19 – 40 Years | 41 – 60 Years | 61 and above Years | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| Covid-19                              | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0                  | <b>0</b>     |
| Pneumonia                             | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 11            | 193                | <b>204</b>   |
| Sepsis/Septicaemia                    | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 1             | 72                 | <b>73</b>    |
| Cancer                                | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 6             | 89                 | <b>95</b>    |
| Heart Failure                         | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 1             | 29                 | <b>30</b>    |
| Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 2             | 28                 | <b>30</b>    |
| Community Acquired Pneumonia          | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 1             | 11                 | <b>12</b>    |
| Myocardial Infarction                 | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 5             | 26                 | <b>31</b>    |
| Bowel Obstruction                     | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 2                  | <b>2</b>     |
| Acute Kidney Injury                   | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 8                  | <b>8</b>     |
| Cerebro-Vascular Incident             | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 1             | 13                 | <b>14</b>    |
| Hospital acquired Pneumonia           | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 1                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Liver Disease                         | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 8             | 10                 | <b>18</b>    |
| <b>MALE TOTAL</b>                     | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>      | <b>29</b>     | <b>489</b>         | <b>518</b>   |

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| <b>FEMALE</b>                         | <b>01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020</b> |              |               |               |               |                    |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                                       | By Age                         |              |               |               |               |                    |              |
| CAUSE OF DEATH GROUP                  | 0 – 12 Months                  | 1 – 12 Years | 13 – 18 Years | 19 – 40 Years | 41 – 60 Years | 61 and above Years | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| Covid-19                              | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 2                  | <b>2</b>     |
| Pneumonia                             | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 1             | 6             | 177                | <b>184</b>   |
| Sepsis/Septicaemia                    | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 1             | 2             | 101                | <b>104</b>   |
| Cancer                                | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 1             | 11            | 88                 | <b>100</b>   |
| Heart Failure                         | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 41                 | <b>41</b>    |
| Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 2             | 21                 | <b>23</b>    |
| Community Acquired Pneumonia          | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 28                 | <b>28</b>    |
| Myocardial Infarction                 | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 34                 | <b>34</b>    |
| Bowel Obstruction                     | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 7                  | <b>7</b>     |
| Acute Kidney Injury                   | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 3                  | <b>3</b>     |
| Cerebro-Vascular Incident             | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 1             | 37                 | <b>38</b>    |
| Hospital acquired Pneumonia           | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 6                  | <b>6</b>     |
| Liver Disease                         | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 2             | 2             | 13                 | <b>17</b>    |
| <b>FEMALE TOTAL</b>                   | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>5</b>      | <b>24</b>     | <b>558</b>         | <b>587</b>   |

| <b>MALE</b>                           | <b>01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020</b> |              |               |               |               |                    |              |
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|                                       | By Age                         |              |               |               |               |                    |              |
| CAUSE OF DEATH GROUP                  | 0 – 12 Months                  | 1 – 12 Years | 13 – 18 Years | 19 – 40 Years | 41 – 60 Years | 61 and above Years | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| Covid-19                              | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 8                  | <b>8</b>     |
| Pneumonia                             | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 2             | 6             | 206                | <b>214</b>   |
| Sepsis/Septicaemia                    | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 1             | 5             | 81                 | <b>87</b>    |
| Cancer                                | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 1             | 10            | 105                | <b>116</b>   |
| Heart Failure                         | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 30                 | <b>30</b>    |
| Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 2             | 25                 | <b>27</b>    |
| Community Acquired Pneumonia          | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 1             | 22                 | <b>23</b>    |
| Myocardial Infarction                 | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 3             | 40                 | <b>43</b>    |
| Bowel Obstruction                     | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 4                  | <b>4</b>     |
| Acute Kidney Injury                   | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 15                 | <b>15</b>    |
| Cerebro-Vascular Incident             | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 2             | 25                 | <b>27</b>    |
| Hospital acquired Pneumonia           | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 2                  | <b>2</b>     |
| Liver Disease                         | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 11            | 12                 | <b>23</b>    |
| <b>MALE TOTAL</b>                     | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>4</b>      | <b>40</b>     | <b>575</b>         | <b>619</b>   |

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| <b>FEMALE</b>                         | <b>01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021</b> |              |               |               |               |                    |              |
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|                                       | By Age                         |              |               |               |               |                    |              |
| CAUSE OF DEATH GROUP                  | 0 – 12 Months                  | 1 – 12 Years | 13 – 18 Years | 19 – 40 Years | 41 – 60 Years | 61 and above Years | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| Covid-19                              | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 1             | 15            | 240                | <b>256</b>   |
| Pneumonia                             | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 8             | 109                | <b>117</b>   |
| Sepsis/Septicaemia                    | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 5             | 79                 | <b>84</b>    |
| Cancer                                | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 1             | 16            | 66                 | <b>83</b>    |
| Heart Failure                         | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 55                 | <b>55</b>    |
| Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 2             | 19                 | <b>21</b>    |
| Community Acquired Pneumonia          | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 1             | 1             | 18                 | <b>20</b>    |
| Myocardial Infarction                 | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 16                 | <b>16</b>    |
| Bowel Obstruction                     | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 8                  | <b>8</b>     |
| Acute Kidney Injury                   | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 10                 | <b>10</b>    |
| Cerebro-Vascular Incident             | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 1             | 51                 | <b>52</b>    |
| Hospital acquired Pneumonia           | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 3                  | <b>3</b>     |
| Liver Disease                         | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 1             | 2             | 6                  | <b>9</b>     |
| <b>FEMALE TOTAL</b>                   | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>4</b>      | <b>50</b>     | <b>680</b>         | <b>734</b>   |

| <b>MALE</b>                           | <b>01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021</b> |              |               |               |               |                    |              |
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|                                       | By Age                         |              |               |               |               |                    |              |
| CAUSE OF DEATH GROUP                  | 0 – 12 Months                  | 1 – 12 Years | 13 – 18 Years | 19 – 40 Years | 41 – 60 Years | 61 and above Years | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| Covid-19                              | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 2             | 27            | 310                | <b>339</b>   |
| Pneumonia                             | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 2             | 1             | 166                | <b>169</b>   |
| Sepsis/Septicaemia                    | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 7             | 83                 | <b>90</b>    |
| Cancer                                | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 11            | 87                 | <b>98</b>    |
| Heart Failure                         | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 3             | 55                 | <b>58</b>    |
| Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 17                 | <b>17</b>    |
| Community Acquired Pneumonia          | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 14                 | <b>14</b>    |
| Myocardial Infarction                 | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 5             | 24                 | <b>29</b>    |
| Bowel Obstruction                     | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 6                  | <b>6</b>     |
| Acute Kidney Injury                   | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 6                  | <b>6</b>     |
| Cerebro-Vascular Incident             | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 1             | 30                 | <b>31</b>    |
| Hospital acquired Pneumonia           | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 1             | 5                  | <b>6</b>     |
| Liver Disease                         | 0                              | 0            | 0             | 0             | 14            | 14                 | <b>28</b>    |
| <b>MALE TOTAL</b>                     | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>4</b>      | <b>70</b>     | <b>817</b>         | <b>891</b>   |