

FOI REF: 21/398

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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:

How many people have died from Covid-19 under the age of 70 with no underlying health conditions in the period 1st Jan 2020 - 31st Dec 2020 in the East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust?

Clarification was sought asking you to confirm what is meant by 'died from Covid 19'? Do these questions relate to deaths of patients who have died and have either tested positive for Covid-19 or where Covid-19 is documented as a direct or underlying cause of death on part 1 or part 11 of the death certificate? If linked solely to the death certificate can you please specify whether only Covid-19 should be recorded under part 1a (main cause) or should Covid Pneumonitis be included as well? If the patient has any other causes listed alongside Covid 19 under part 1a (main cause) should these patients be included in the count as well? Confirmation was received as follows:

Would it be possible to have two answers.

One for deaths under the age of 70 solely from covid-19 where it is listed as the main cause.

Death Certificate entries on the mortality database with Covid 19 or Covid 19 infection recorded under part 1a only have been counted. Please be aware this information relates to in hospital deaths at Conquest, Eastbourne District General and Bexhill Hospitals.

2 patients died under the age of 70 with nothing in parts 1b, 1c or 2 of the Death Certificate.

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And one for deaths under the age of 70 where Covid Pneumonitis is included as a main cause as well.

Death Certificate entries on the mortality database with Covid 19 Pneumonia, Covid 19 Pneumonia, Covid 19 and Bronchopneumonia, Covid 19 Viral Pneumonia and Covid 19 Bilateral Pneumonia recorded under part 1a only have been counted. Please be aware this information relates to in hospital deaths at Conquest, Eastbourne District General and Bexhill Hospitals.

2 patients died under the age of 70 with nothing in parts 1b, 1c or 2 of the Death Certificate.

Both for under the age of 70 with no underlying health conditions. I had said for the period 1st Jan 2020 - 31st December 2020 but is it possible to have the figures extended into 2021 to as far as your data goes? If not then fine to keep to 2020.

Date range provided: 1st January 2020 to 30th June 2021 (inclusive).

Please note not all of the patients without underlying conditions on the Death Certificate have been reviewed to see whether underlying conditions have been Clinically Coded against the last hospital spell, however some patients on the mortality database were reviewed for a historical FOI request and any patients identified with underlying conditions during this exercise have not been included 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 the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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