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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:

- Please could you provide the admission numbers to Eastbourne District General Hospital for the last five years - 2016-2020, and for the current year so far?**

Please see the table for the number of admissions to Eastbourne District General Hospital for the period requested:

2016	48,336
2017	49,461
2018	52,362
2019	54,618
2020	44,277
2021	38,779

- Of those who died of any causes so far this year in Eastbourne District General Hospital, how many had received any COVID-19 vaccine, and how many were unvaccinated?**

Covid-19 Vaccination Received	RIP Patients
Yes	93
No	5
Not Applicable	707

EDGH discharges with a discharge method of Patient died, due to any cause of death. Vaccination status of patients not recorded electronically until mid-July 2021. Patients not vaccinated as inpatients, this is the vaccination status of the patient upon admission.

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3. **Of those admitted to Eastbourne District General Hospital in 2021, how many have received any COVID-19 vaccine, and how many have not?**

Covid-19 Vaccination Received	Admissions
Yes	2197
No	175
Not Applicable	38889

EDGH admissions.

Vaccination status of patients not recorded electronically until mid-July 2021.

Patients not vaccinated as inpatients, this is the vaccination status of the patient upon admission.

4. **What is the cycle threshold that the trust uses to determine a positive RT-PCR test?**

The Viasure assays we use have a standard interpretation from the manufacturer, with a positive result for any of the viral targets as a threshold cycle below 40 (and for a negative result either no amplification or a threshold cycle above 40, plus a positive internal control with a threshold cycle below 35). The Cepheid GeneXpert assay uses the proprietary software from the manufacturer to determine a positive or negative result.

5. **What is Eastbourne District General's protocol for treating COVID-19 positive patients?**

Please see attached the Trust's 'ESHT COVID19 Acute Respiratory Care Pathway 1.8 (15/7/20)'.

**Further to our response of 27<sup>th</sup> October, we subsequently received the following request from yourself and our reply is detailed below:**

**I have two further questions:**

1. **The protocol you sent is dated July 2020. Is this still in place now, i.e. is this the current protocol?**

Yes, the attached protocol is operational currently.

2. **Who is ultimately responsible for setting out this protocol**

The protocol was approved by the clinical advisory group who, as a whole, are responsible for this policy.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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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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