

Freedom of Information Request

Reference Number: EPUT.FOI.20.1783
Date Received: 30th December 2020

Information Requested:

How many people have died in your hospitals from Covid 19 alone? As in they died only due to Covid 19. I can see the figures that you publish online, but these are deaths within 28 days of a positive covid test, so they could have died from other causes. I just want to know the exact figure from 1st February 2020 until the 20th December 2020 of people that have died due to Covid-19 and not anything else please?

Response:

The Trust can confirm that it has previously received a similar FOI request regarding COVID-19 (reference number EPUT.FOI.20.1776). All EPUT FOI requests are published on its Publication Scheme. The Trust therefore believes that the information above is publicly available on its Website and is applying Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means).

In an effort to be helpful the link to the Trusts Publication Scheme is <https://eput.nhs.uk/publication-category/financial-statements-budgets-and-variance-reports/>

Applied Exemption:

Section 21 (Information accessible to applicant by other means):

- (1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.
 - (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
 - (a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
 - (b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.
 - (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.
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Publication Scheme:

As part of the Freedom of Information Act all public organisations are required to proactively publish certain classes of information on a Publication Scheme. A publication scheme is a guide to the information that is held by the organisation. EPUT's Publication Scheme is located on its Website at the following link <https://eput.nhs.uk>