

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

RE: Covid-19 Figures

The PCR test system which is run at 40 to 45 cycles cannot and does not detect a disease. It picks up any RNA. The lateral flow tests may be slightly better but even they are questionable. It is well known the nonsense asymptomatic testing is pushing numbers up. Any diagnosis of and disease must be done by a doctor. The register of Notifiable Diseases on gov.uk show clearly zero cases for the SE and London in the last week of December. There must be full data transparency.

1. Please can you provide a breakdown of data of actual Covid-19 cases that your districts have dealt with since the start of the pandemic? This includes the following:
 - a. Actual cases by each town/county
 - b. By age group
 - c. Survival rates by age group
 - d. Death rates by age group and if they have underlying conditions (comorbidities)

The Trust is unable to provide this information as it is not routinely recorded. To collate this information would require a manual trawl of all patient records. As this would exceed the time and cost limits as set out in the Act the Trust is therefore applying Section 12 of the Act (where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit).

2. Can you also confirm what treatments you are using to treat real cases? There are medications that can help which I suspect are not being used. It is also widely known that boosting vitamins can help
The Trust follows current national guidance for the treatment of patients with Covid-19 and provides symptomatic treatment plans that are individual to each patient needs and symptoms

Applied Exemption:

Exemption (Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit)):

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.
 - (3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.
 - (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
 - (a) by one person, or
 - (b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them
 - (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated
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