

Freedom of Information Request

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Date Received: 1st January 2021

Information Requested:

I can see the figures that you publish online but these are deaths within 28 days of a positive Covid-19 test so they could have died from other causes. I just want to know the exact figures between 1st February 2020 until the 31st December 2020 for the following questions:

1. How many people have died in each of your hospitals between 1st February 2020 until the 31st December 2020?
The total number is 88 between February and December (including nursing homes)
 2. How many people have died in your hospitals from Covid-19 alone between 1st February 2020 until the 31st December 2020? (As in they died ONLY due to Covid-19 and ***did not have any comorbidities*** at the time of death) with the Data filtered by Hospital showing deaths per month per hospital between 1st February 2020 until the 31st December 2020?
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/>
 3. How many people have died in your hospitals from Covid-19 between 1st February 2020 until the 31st December 2020? (As in they died due to Covid-19 but they ***did have comorbidities*** at the time of their death) with the Data filtered by Hospital showing deaths per month per hospital between 1st February 2020 until the 31st December 2020?
Please see response to Question 2
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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.

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>