Information Requested:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible. As you will understand, this may not be a definitive list of relevant information.

1. The number of hospital patients who tested positive for Covid-19 after initially testing negative between November 30 2020 and 31 January 2021
2. The number of these patients who subsequently died
3. If available, please could I have details of the date of admission, the reason for their initial hospital admission e.g. fractured bone, chest infection, the date of the positive test and the date of their death

Response:

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust is a Mental Health Trust and do not record negative tests in our patient systems, and furthermore would not have any way to consistently identify patients who:

   a) Tested negative prior to entering our services
   b) Tested negative and then subsequently positive prior to entering our services
   c) Died after leaving our services

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