

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

1. Can you please provide the number of deaths between 1st January 2020 & 31st December 2020 that occurred where Covid-19 was mentioned on the death certificate in the county of Essex only
The Trust is unable to provide this information as we do not hold the information on all deaths in Essex. However we can provide number of deaths reportable by EPUT to the national CPNS (CPNS reporting definition is inpatients of EPUT MH and CHS Wards that had died within 28 days of having a positive result irrespective of whether it was recorded on part 1 or 2 of the death certificate). This number is 24
 2. Can you also provide the number of deaths that occurred in the above timeframe that occurred due to Covid-19 ONLY & was the only cause of death mentioned on the MCCD in the county of Essex only.
It is not possible to provide this information from the Trust electronic systems. This would require a clinical audit which 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)
 3. Can you please also provide the information in question 2 split into ages of death
Please see response to question 2
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Applied 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

Publication Scheme:

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