

## Freedom of Information Request

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**Reference Number:** EPUT.FOI.21.1921

**Date Received:** 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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### Information Requested:

Your trust has been listed by NHS England as one of 69 that offers long covid assessments centres

1. Does your long covid clinic assess:
    - a. respiratory and/or vascular concerns
    - b. A + fatigue and exhaustion
    - c. B + mental health concerns and other factors
  2. How many people has your clinic assessed between 1 December 2020 and 22 March 2021?
  3. How many people are on your waiting list as of the 22 March 2021?
  4. Do you accept referrals from people who were not hospitalized with coronavirus?  
Yes/No
  5. Do you accept referrals from people who were not tested for coronavirus and therefore did not receive a positive diagnosis? Yes/No
  6. How is your clinic funded?:
    - a. through government funding
    - b. through ICS/CCG funding
    - c. by the trust itself
    - d. a mix of the three
  7. Are you able to treat all the patients that are referred to you within your current funding agreement? Yes/No
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### Response:

NHS England and NHS Improvement are currently working with regions and systems to develop and refine processes to collect activity and demographic data for the Post Covid syndrome Assessment clinics. From summer 2021 NHS Long Covid activity data on referral, number of assessments, waiting times and the onward patient journey etc. will be published monthly. The Trust is therefore applying Section 22 of the Act (Information intended for future publication).

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**Applied Exemption:**

**Section 22 (Information intended for future publication):**

- (1) Information is exempt information if—
    - (a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),
    - (b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and
    - (c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a).
  - (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which falls within subsection (1).
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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>