

Freedom of Information Request

Reference Number: EPUT.FOI.21.1942
Date Received: Legal Team

Information Requested:

How many deaths were there in Essex caused by only Covid-19 between 1 January 2020 – 1 January 2021?

Response:

The Trust can confirm that it has previously received similar FOI requests regarding Covid-19 only deaths (one of the most recent being reference number EPUT.FOI.21.1776 – received in December 2020). 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).

However in an effort to be helpful the link to the Trusts Publication Scheme is <https://eput.nhs.uk/publication-category/freedom-of-information-requests/>

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
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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>