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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4435**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 28th August 2020.

Your request was as follows:

For all the information below please could you provide data from between the dates 01/03/2020 to 01/08/2020, and where possible, could you please provide the figures for each individual month. An Excel form has been included for this information to be easily filed.

1. Have records of Covid-19 infections in patients which were hospital acquired been kept? If so:

a) How many Covid-19 infections in patients were hospital acquired?

I confirm that The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) holds the information you have requested. However, I am unable to provide you with that information as I consider that the following exemptions apply to it.

Section 21 - Information already reasonably accessible to you

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), as it is already reasonably accessible to you.

The information you have requested is published on NHS England website. Please use the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-hospital-activity/>

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FOIA.

b) Of those who acquired Covid-19 while in hospital, how many died?

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-statistics-and-analysis>

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c) What was the total number of Covid-19 deaths in hospital?

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2. Have records been kept of members of staff who contracted Covid-19? If so:

a) How many members of staff contracted Covid-19?

Please see excel spreadsheet for responses.

b) How many members of staff were absent from work due to Covid-19?

Please see excel spreadsheet for responses.

c) How many members of staff died due to Covid-19?

Please see excel spreadsheet for responses.

3. What is the total number of Covid-19 infections recorded in hospital?

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4. What is the procedure for when a patient is diagnosed with Covid-19 outside a Covid-19 ward?

a) Has this procedure remained the same throughout the time period set out above?

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The information you have requested is published on NHS England website and Gov.uk website. Please use the following links:

There is a standard operating procedure for assessing patients diagnosed in A&E -

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/coronavirus-priority-assessment-service-sop-v3.pdf>

The guidance below refers to the procedure within hospital

COVID-19: investigation and initial clinical management of possible cases in hospital:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-initial-investigation-of-possible-cases/investigation-and-initial-clinical-management-of-possible-cases-of-wuhan-novel-coronavirus-wn-cov-infection#criteria>

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5. What is the procedure for when a member of staff is diagnosed with Covid-19?

a) Has this procedure remained the same throughout the time period set out above?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not disclose individual staff members contact details. You can write to staff using the address above or alternatively email [enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk) asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-management-of-exposed-healthcare-workers-and-patients-in-hospital-settings/covid-19-management-of-exposed-healthcare-workers-and-patients-in-hospital-settings#staff-with-symptoms-of-covid-19>

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Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4435 in any future communications.**

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

*Mike Burns*

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