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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4570

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 04th January 2021.

Your request was as follows:

I would prefer to receive the information electronically and the Data contained in the form of a Microsoft Excel Workbook would be preferable.

1. How many people have died in each of your hospitals between 1st February 2020 until the 31st December 2020?

[199 patients died at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust \(WCFT\) between 01/02/2020 and 31/12/2020.](#)

2. How many people have died in your hospitals from Covid-19 alone between 1st February 2020 until the 31st December 2020?

(As in they died ONLY due to Covid-19 and did not have any comorbidities at the time of death.)

with the Data filtered :

- By Hospital showing deaths per month per hospital between 1st February 2020 until the 31st December 2020.

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.

WCFT is counting COVID-19 deaths as per the national guidance. The figure, and a description of the definition we are using, is published daily and can be found via the link below:

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

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/deaths>

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.



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

3. How many people have died in your hospitals from Covid-19 between 1st February 2020 until the 31st December 2020?

(As in they died due to Covid-19 but they did have comorbidities at the time of their death.)

with the Data filtered :

· By Hospital showing deaths per month per hospital between 1st February 2020 until the 31st December 2020.

As above.

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4570 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

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