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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4642**

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

Your request was as follows:

1) Between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021 (or the most recent date for which figures are available), how many Covid-19 infections in patients were hospital acquired?

i) of these, how many were probable infections (ie within 8-14 days of admission to hospital)?

ii) and how many were definite infections (15 days or more after admission to hospital)?

Here at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust we had 87 patients with hospital acquired Covid-19 infections. 19 of these were acquired within 8-14 days of admission to hospital and 68 were acquired within 15 days or more after admission to hospital.

2) Of those who acquired Covid-19 while in hospital between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021 (or the most recent date for which figures are available), how many died?

10 patients died that had acquired Covid-19 while in hospital between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021.

3) What was the total number of Covid-19 deaths at your trust between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021 (or the most recent date for which figures are available)?

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.

4) How many members of staff contracted Covid-19 between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021 (or the most recent date for which figures are available)?

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the

information you have requested. Therefore we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOI Act, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

5) How many members of staff were absent from work due to Covid-19 between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021 (or the most recent date for which figures are available)?

Here at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust there has been 539 people absent due to covid-related sickness absences. If we include special leave we have had in total 820 people absent due to covid-related sickness.

6) How many members of staff died due to Covid-19 between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021 (or the most recent date for which figures are available)?

0 staff members have died due to Covid-19 between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021.

7) What is the total number of Covid-19 infections a) among patients and b) among staff recorded at your trust between 1 March 2020 and 1 March 2021?

a) 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:

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b) I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested. Therefore we cannot provide this information.

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

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**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4642 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, Wycliff House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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