

Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

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Attachments	No

You asked

How many people have died in your hospitals from Covid 19 alone? As in they died only due to Covid 19. I can see the figures that you publish online, but these are deaths within 28 days of a positive covid test, so they could have died from other causes. I just want to know the exact figure from 1st February 2020 until the 20th December of people that have died due to Covid-19 and not anything else please.

Our reply

The numbers of Covid-19 deaths are recorded on the NHS England website at: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/> reference tab 4 and RK9 for University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust. The Trust considers five or fewer deaths related to patients without a pre-existing condition.

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust takes the view that the actual number requested is too low to be disclosed. The information is considered exempt from further supply in accordance with section 41(1)(a) and (b) of the 2000 Act. The Trust received the information in confidence and it cannot be shared.

Legal notes

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested, but is refusing to supply it in accordance with section 1(b) by virtue of section 41(1)(a) and (b). It has sought to balance both the rights of you as the applicant with that of any data subject. You have the right to appeal. Please refer to the internal review section below, if you wish to pursue that option.

Please note that data is only recorded from March 1 2020.

Attachments included: No



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