

PUBLISHED INFORMATION REQUEST

Reference: 13172
Description: Covid-19 - Deaths, Bed Occupancy, Etc

Response

1. Total number of deaths within Trust since the pandemic was declared.

1049

2. Total number of deaths within the Trust for the Same period over each of the previous 5 years (2015-2019).

2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
853	782	780	918	845

3. How do doctors fill in the death certificates for patients whom they believe died of what has been called SARS-Cov-2/Coronavirus/COVID-19. and which of these terms are used?

The Trust do not hold this information. The medical cause of death is discussed and agreed with the Medical Examiners and if need be with the Coroner so they are probably best placed to confirm the answers and to give their own answer, particularly for the terminology.

You can contact the Coroners' Offices is follows:

<https://finds.org.uk/contacts/coroners>

4. Total number of patients who have died within the Trust since the pandemic was declared, as a direct result of SARS-Cov-2/Coronavirus/COVID-19, meaning that they died of or directly due to, and not with it.

The Trust do not hold this data. We can only provide the figures for 'Died with C19' which this question specifically says is not required.

5. How is it determined whether the patient's death is due to SARS-Cov-2/Coronavirus/Covid-19 or not? Is there a requirement for a positive PCR result? If so within what time frame would this be prior to the the date of death?

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This is determined to the best of a doctor's knowledge and belief and after engagement with appropriate process including the Medical Examiner for in hospital deaths. That does not give a threshold of probability and certainly does not mean only PCR positive – as with any test false negatives and false positives are possible and it is not always the case that every bit of clinical information is completely concordant. Similarly there may be some patients (probably fewer now than earlier in the pandemic and also probably more out of hospital than in) who may have a classic story and clinical picture, but not have been tested.

Covid is stated as Cause of death even if the patient swabbed negative if the clinician treating confirms the clinical presentation is that of Covid: ie rapid desaturation, Chest X-ray appearances and other clinical indicators.

6. Of the patients who have SARS-CoV-2/Coronavirus/COVID-19 on their death certificates, Please specify in which part of the certificate it appears - Part 1a, 1b, 1c or part2?

Which part depends on whether the condition caused the death (part 1) or contributed to it (part 2).

Part 1 is structured in a way that 1A is caused by 1B is caused by 1C with no obligation to fill in all parts. Thus the current pandemic infection, however it is referred to, could be in any of these parts of the death certificate. The lowest filled in part in part 1 has to be an agreed pathological entity, not a process but processes can feature higher up in 1A or 1B eg 1A Gastrointestinal bleeding due to 1B colonic carcinoma.

The same will be the case for heart/renal/other failure due to a named infection including within the pandemic.

7. Total bed occupancy in the month of October 2010
8. Total bed occupancy for in the previous 5 years (2015-2019)

In response to Questions 7 and 8, we are unable to provide historic bed occupancy rates as we do not hold this informaiton. In order to provide help and assistance, and with your agreement, we have supplled Bed Days.

Year	Month	Bed Days
2020	Oct	17767
2019	Oct	20014
2018	Oct	18765
2017	Oct	17810
2016	Oct	18876
2015	Oct	20142

9. Bed occupancy during the month of October for patients admitted due to a respiratory problem.
10. Bed occupancy during the month of October in the previous 5 years (2015-2019)

In response to Questions 9 and 10, we are unable to provide historic bed occupancy rates as we do not hold this informaiton. In order to provide help and assistance, and with your agreement, we have supplled Bed Days.

Year	Month	BedDays
2020	Oct	2812
2019	Oct	3512
2018	Oct	2984
2017	Oct	2894
2016	Oct	3149
2015	Oct	2999

11. Number of respiratory patients in October 2020 with a positive PCR test for SARS-Co-2.

117

12. How do doctors record whether a patient has died due to influenza?

In exactly the same way as for any other condition – by including it in the appropriate place on the death certificate after discussion with relevant process in Q3 answer above.

13. How many deaths in the month of October were attributed to influenza?

0

14. How many deaths in October of the previous 5 years were attributed to Influenza?

We do not hold information for cause of death prior to 2017.

October 2020 0

October 2019 0

October 2018 0

October 2017 0