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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/015366 - COVID tests

How many people (please disclose separately members of the public/staff) at Russells Hall Hospital since the start of March 2020 have given a positive test for SARS-CoV-2 that showed no symptoms at the time of the test?

– The laboratory system does not hold information about whether the case was symptomatic or not so this information would be within the patients / staff health record. Medical records/personnel files are not accessible under the Freedom of Information Act, exemption Section 40 personal information

How many of each group of people (members of the public/staff) became symptomatic later (so that there previous lack of symptoms was pre-symptomatic) and how many of each were asymptomatic (that is never developed symptoms as far as is known)?

- This information is not collected.

Did any of the asymptomatic people have another test return positive for the virus later (not an antibody test) and what is the longest period that has elapsed with the person still testing positive, e.g. any evidence of long-haul Covid in asymptomatic people so that a percentage of them may still have the virus several months later?

- As we cannot identify asymptomatics this question cannot be answered this.