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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/015516 – Covid

To aid me in some research, I am wishing to gather various data/information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the number of deaths within The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust. I am wishing to gather information:

- 1) How many deaths between 1st Feb 2020 and 30th Nov 2020 were 'from' Covid-19?
- 2) How many deaths between 1st Feb 2020 and 30th Nov 2020 were 'with' Covid-19?
- 3) How many of those patients who died 'with' or 'from' Covid-19 had pre-existing conditions or co-morbidities which would have contributed to the death?

Questions 1 to 3 - the Trust does not hold/record this information centrally in a reportable format. An individual case note analysis would be needed and this would be exempt as it would also exceed the appropriate cost limit as specified in Section 12. In addition the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) oppressive burden on the authority

Information on deaths in the Dudley Borough can be found at :- <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/search?postcode=DY1+2hq>

Other information can be found at:-

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

- 4) How were the patients who died, 'with' or 'from' Covid-19, diagnosed with this disease, and specifically, what kind of testing/assessment procedures were used to reach a conclusive diagnosis?
 - The Black Country Pathology Services (BCPS) integrate pathology services at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT), with Sandwell West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust (SWBH), Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (DGH) and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust (WHT). The BCPS will be hosted by RWT on behalf of the partnership.

Can you please forward this question to BCPS at rwh-tr.FOI@nhs.net

- 5) For the patients who died 'with' or 'from' Covid-19, how would their level of illness be categorized? Eg: asymptomatic, mild symptoms, severe symptoms, cytokine storm achieved (with deadly inflammatory response)

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