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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 015616 - Long covid clinics

1) What day (DD/MM/YYYY) did your trust's 'long Covid centre/clinic' become operational? (Your trust was one of 69 which had set up long Covid clinic's last autumn, according to this NHS England release: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/12/long-covid-patients-to-get-help-at-more-than-60-clinics/>)

- The Trust's first pilot MDT was on 4th January 2021. Formal referrals were operational from 20th January and these patients were discussed at the MDT held on 2nd February 2021.

Please could you break down the following information per month between 1 December 2020 and 28 February 2021:

1a) How many (suspected long Covid) patients were referred to this clinic by their GP over this period?

- 1 December 2020 and 28 February 2021 = 19

1b) How many of the (long Covid) patients assessed/seen over this period at your trust's clinic were ones who needed such help after being discharged from hospital?

Please could you break down the following information between 1 December 2020 and 28 February 2021 (its entirety rather than per month as before):

- 1 December 2020 and 28 February 2021 = 4

1c) What was the average waiting time (in days) to be seen for long Covid assessment/specialist help at the clinic?

- 1 December 2020 and 28 February 2021 = 10 days

1d) What was the longest time a person referred to/discharged (from hospital) into the clinic had to (first) wait to be seen in days. For Q1d, if such a person is still waiting to be seen, as of the current day, please say: 'X' (specify number) amount of people are 'still waiting' on the list.

- 1 December 2020 and 28 February 2021 = 13 days

Figures and waiting times have increased as the number of referrals into the service have increased