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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 015998 - Covid admissions & vaccination status

Under the freedom of information act, I would like to request at the present date of 21/12/2021, the cases of patients being treated for covid and their vaccination status in your hospital.

As at 21/12/21 there were 40 inpatients with COVID-19

Vaccination status breakdown for the 40 COVID inpatients.

1st Dose - AstraZeneca 2

2nd Dose - AstraZeneca 12

2nd Dose - Pfizer 1

3rd Dose - Pfizer 9

Unvaccinated 16

Total 40

Please note that the information above has come from 2 systems a Trust system and a National system.

A report is run from Trust systems of inpatients who are positive with covid and then a staff member then has to manually check each name against the national database.

As a rule the Trust would not look at individual records but given the ongoing public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has made the decision to extend the existing Control of Patient Information (COPI) notice for a further six months to support the continued use of data over the winter period.

The notice is currently due to expire at the end of March 2022.

The general COPI notice (issued under Regulation 3(4) of the COPI regulations, requires organisations working for the health service, local authorities and government bodies to share data for COVID-19 research and planning purposes in order to support the pandemic response.

This means that the general COPI notice provides a temporary lawful basis to processes confidential patient information (CPI) without consent if it is for COVID-19 research and planning purposes

Could you also breakdown the result into COVID being their primary reason for admission, - Clinical coding for December's inpatient activity will not be completed until mid to late January so at this time we cannot supply this information.

and their secondary reason as in COVID diagnosis was discovered via testing not due to symptoms?

- This information is not recorded electronically it would be held within individual patient records so a report cannot be run for this information.