

Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

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You asked

Please enlighten me with the number of COVID deaths in Derriford hospital since this “pandemic” began not positive cases or admissions just deaths due to COVID 19 and not “with” COVID 19. Or within 28 days of a positive test.

Our reply

The numbers of Covid-19 deaths are recorded on the NHS England website at: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/> reference tab 4 and RK9 for University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust.

The Trust considers five or fewer deaths were related to patients who died following a positive Covid-19 test result that did not have a pre-existing condition.

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust takes the view that the actual number requested is too low to be disclosed. The information is considered exempt from further supply in accordance with section 41(1)(a) and (b) of the 2000 Act. The Trust received the information in confidence and it cannot be shared.

Legal notes

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested, but is refusing to supply it in accordance with section 1(b) by virtue of section 41(1)(a) and (b). A five or fewer figure is provided balancing both your rights as the applicant with that of the confider. You have the right to appeal against our decision. Please refer to the internal review section below, if you wish to pursue that option.

Please note that data is only recorded from March 1 2020.

Attachments included: No