

Title:  
Severe Covid-19 Patients

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please could you tell me how many patients were being treated for severe Covid in ICU/HDU at your hospitals from 1st October 2020 to 1st April 2021

**Eastern Service of the Trust:**

For the period from November 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 the Trust had a total number of 87 patients with Covid 19 Patients in ICU/HDU Eastern.

We are unable to provide data for October 2020. The data was not recorded until November 2021. To provide you with this information would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources. To carry out this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

**Northern services:** For the same period had 15 patients in ICU/HDU with Covid – 19.

**For Northern and Eastern service:**

The Trust is unable to respond to how many of the patients had severe Covid, as this information is not coded by the Trust. To establish this information would mean the Clinical review of each and every patient record. As such Under section 17 of the FOI Act, the Trust declines this request.

To provide you with the how many of the patients had severe Covid-19 would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources. To carry out this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12 (1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting that information.