Hospital Acquired COVID-19

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

1. The number of people who were infected with Covid-19 inside your hospitals from March 2021 to May 2022? This is the patients who tested positive for Covid-19 after testing negative when they were first admitted. Please may I have the figures broken down for the number of hospital-acquired infections for each individual hospital.

   The number of patients who were identified as having definite hospital acquired COVID according to national definitions:

   - **Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (Wonford) = 123 patients**
   - **Exmouth Hospital = 8**
   - **Sidmouth Hospital = 7**
   - **Tiverton Hospital = 20**

2. The number of people who after being infected with Covid inside the hospital, then died of or with the virus, whilst in hospital, or after discharge from Mach 2021 to May 2022. Please may I also have these figures broken down for the number of deaths for each individual hospital.

   The number of patients who died of or with COVID by hospital

   - **Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital = 13**

   In accordance with section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, We are unable to provide the figures for the Trusts community hospitals.

   We can confirm that this data is held by the Trust, however, in accordance with section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide these figures as the number of patients is less than five. Releasing this data could risk the identification of these patients. This would breach Caldicott principles and principle One of the GDPR.

   This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.