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Freedom of Information  
Barts Health NHS Trust  
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Dear Rishi Lakhani

**Your Request for Information: FOI-0415-21**

Thank you for your request for information which has been processed under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

Your request and the response are below:

- 1. What was your policy on giving patients Remdisvir?**  
As per DOH and NHSE guidance, this constantly changed throughout the pandemic, therefore the Trust is unable to provide an answer to this question.
- 2. What briefing was nurses and doctors given on remdisvir?**  
This was given through our intranet platform called WeShare and centralised emails.
- 3. Why in Dec 2021 did doctors think that they had to fill out a form before giving patients remdisvir?**  
Doctors were always required to complete a blueteq form to ensure that patients fulfil the criteria as per the DOH guidance.
- 4. What is the blue form?**  
A blueteq form is a commissioning form set up by the NHSE to record the criteria for starting patients on certain restricted/controlled treatments.
- 5. What criteria had to be met in order to receive remdisvir?**  
Please see blueteq form. This changed throughout the pandemic, and has recently changed. This may change again.
- 6. Could you share stats on how effective remdisvir has been to patients that had managed to receive the medication?**  
The Trust does not hold this information.
- 7. Why was it not given to all?**  
It is not beneficial for all patients.



**8. Why is ivermectin not considered for treatment of covid? Was it ever considered ? Any studies carried out and what was the outcome ?**

Ivermectin is not an antiviral agent for treatment of COVID. It is an anthelmintic (antiparasite) to treat strongyloides (a worm) infestation which may occur in COVID patients who have travelled from areas with this worm. They are given high dose steroids as part of their treatment for COVID, which may cause the worm to spread in their body.

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Yours sincerely,

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