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FOI webpage: <https://www.plymouthhospitals.nhs.uk/foi>

28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Date request received: 18/05/2021  
Our Ref: 21FOI096

[request-756048-6cc29ee7@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-756048-6cc29ee7@whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Chris Baker

**Date request received:** 18/05/2021  
**Disclosure due date:** 16/06/2021  
**Disclosure date:** 28/05/2021

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**Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 – Response**

We are writing with the Trust's response to your FOI request above.

**For organisational context**

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is the largest teaching hospital trust in the South West. For more information about the Trust please see our website: <https://www.plymouthhospitals.nhs.uk/about-us> and Trust contact details are available on the website at <http://www.plymouthhospitals.nhs.uk/contact-us>.

**You asked**

- 1. How many people have died from Covid-19 in the University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust hospitals from 1st January 2020 to 31st March 2021? This is only to include patients who have had Covid-19 tests and have not died with pre-existing conditions.**

We do not hold the information requested. The Medical Certificate Cause of Death (MCCD) is a document which is issued by a doctor to the registrar.

The Registry Office has suggested that we signpost you to the Office for National Statistics as they may be able to assist you. Please find the attached link for your ease. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/aboutus/contactus>

**2. How many patients at University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust are there currently with confirmed Covid-19?**

The Trust has published the information here:

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/healthcare?areaType=nhstrust&areaName=University%20Hospitals%20Plymouth%20NHS%20Trust>.

Information accessible by other means is exempt from further supply.

Please refer to the legal notes below.

**Legal notes**

For Q1: University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it does not hold the information requested.

For Q2: University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is refusing the request in accordance with section 1(b) because it is accessible by other means. The Trust has provided a link to that information. Our reference code when searching is RK9.

**Attachments included: No**

**Internal review**

Please note that if you are unhappy with this FOI response then you have the right to request that the Trust conducts an internal review. This request should preferably be by email to [plh-tr.foi-requests@nhs.net](mailto:plh-tr.foi-requests@nhs.net) or you can write to the address on the letter head. We will then arrange for an internal review of this FOI response. The Trust will also usually deal with disputes as an internal review.

Following the outcome of our internal review, if you remain dissatisfied, then you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at:

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/> Tel: 01625 545 700

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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