

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

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**Nature of Request :** COVID-19 Deaths

### REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I'd like to find out the following:

Can you verify, from 23rd March 2020 to present, how many people died due to COVID. This figure is to be for "died with" not died from.

Can you please further break this down to the age groups that are generally being used when showing the "died with" figures.

Finally can you confirm how many of these deaths had pre-existing conditions?

### TRUST RESPONSE

Information regarding the number of deaths related to COVID-19 is already publicly available [here](#) and is therefore exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act.

To determine whether those patients who sadly died of COVID-19 had underlying health conditions would require a clinical review of all cases. To do this would require a manual review of the relevant healthcare records. The Trust is therefore unable to provide the information you are seeking for the following reasons:

1. The Trust believes that to review individual healthcare records for the purposes of fulfilling a Freedom of Information request breaches the principles of the Data Protection Act.
2. The clinical review would take far in excess of the 18 hours required to complete a Freedom of Information request and is therefore exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (Appropriate Limit).