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Dear Claire Sibthorpe,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - Ref: FOI/015810

With reference to your FOI request that was received on 22/07/2021 in connection with 'Long covid clinic'.

Please find response below and/or attached.

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Please see responses below

I have the following questions for your Long Covid clinic:

1 - How many patients did the clinic treat for the period of 22nd of June to 21st of July 2021? - 45

2 - How many of these patients were not hospitalised with their acute Covid infection? - To find out this information would mean looking at the patients medical records and medical records are exempt under Section 40 personal information

3 - How many of these patients have been engaged with the clinic for longer than 12 weeks? - The initial MDT is the Covid clinic after which patients are seen by one or more of several specific areas such as rehab, action heart, fatigue service, anxiety and breathlessness service etc. This may involve a series of appointments and at times patients get re-discussed at the monthly follow up MDT if further advise is required.

4 - How many of these patients reported an inability to work or a significant reduction in working hours due to prolonging Covid symptoms? - Unable to answer, information not recorded electronically so a report cannot be run for this information. As per question 1 information would be held with a patients medical records which are exempt under the FOI Act, Section 40 Personal Information.

5 - How many of these patients are younger than 40? - 13