

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Please provide information showing the number of RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013) reports submitted to the HSE (Health & Safety Executive) since 1st March 2020 in relation to the following:

1. Accidents or incidents at work which have, or could have, led to the release or escape of coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) (dangerous occurrences).
0 incidents
2. A person at work (a worker) having been diagnosed as having COVID-19 attributed to an occupational exposure to coronavirus (a case of disease).
39 incidents
3. The death of a worker as a result of occupational exposure to coronavirus (a work-related death due to exposure to a biological agent).
The Trust is unable to provide this information. This is because the numbers above are very low and could potentially make the individuals identifiable. The Trust is therefore applying Section 41 (Information Provided in Confidence).

Applied Exemption:

Section 41 (Information provided in confidence):

- (1) Information is exempt information if—
 - (a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and
 - (b) the disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.
- (2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) constitute an actionable breach of confidence.

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