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I am responding to your request for information received 14 April 2021. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Request

Thank you, in that case please just answer the first two questions.

Question 1. Please can you tell me how many Structured Judgment Reviews (SJRs) the trust has carried out since 1st January 2020 and how many of these reviews involved the death of a patient with hospital acquired covid.

Answer: There have been 1431 SJR's since January 2020.

Of these reviews, 30 involve the death of patients who contracted COVID 19 while an inpatient. These include patients who contracted COVID 19 on an acute hospital ward and were transferred to a Trust ward bed.

Question 2. If the trust does not use the SJR method, please can you give me the numbers for the equivalent method you use e.g. a Serious Incident.

For the avoidance of doubt, when I refer to hospital-acquired covid I am referring to both probable cases (a positive test 8-14 days after admission) and definite cases (testing positive 15 days or more after admission).

Answer: There are two SI's that are currently underway regarding deaths of inpatients who had tested positive for COVID 19 within 28 days prior to their deaths. However, a formal cause of death has not been established.

Original Request:

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Question 3. What was the outcome of the SJRs (or SIs, if the SJR system is not used). For each SJR please give a brief summary of outcome e.g. any particular processes that were changed, any conclusion as to what went wrong).

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to collate this information, staff would have to review each SJR and SI to provide a summary of the outcome.

Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this particular part of your request as the cost of compliance and extracting your exact requirements would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 which is specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work.

SJR outcomes and themes are reported quarterly where themes are identified. If you would like this information, please do let us know.