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I am responding to your request for information received 13 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,

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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:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If this is the incorrect address for this request, please would you be so kind to forward it onto the right one and cc me into the email.

Question 1. What day (DD/MM/YYYY) did your trust's 'long Covid centre/clinic' become operational? (Your trust was one of 69 which had set up long Covid clinic's last autumn, according to this NHS England release: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/12/long-...>)

Answer: 12 January 2021.

Please could you break down the following information per month between 1 December 2020 and 28 February 2021:

Question 1a. How many (suspected long Covid) patients were referred to this clinic by their GP over this period?

Answer: 75 referrals were received from GPs during this period.

Question 1b. How many of the (long Covid) patients assessed/seen over this period at your trust's clinic were ones who needed such help after being discharged from hospital? Please could you break down the following information between 1 December 2020 and 28 February 2021 (its entirety rather than per month as before):

Answer: The below is based on the referral source of the referral being from a hospital. Please note data collection started in mid-January.

Month	Referrals
January	7
February	23

Question 1c. What was the average waiting time (in days) to be seen for long Covid assessment/specialist help at the clinic?

Question 1d. What was the longest time a person referred to/discharged (from hospital) into the clinic had to (first) wait to be seen in days. For Q1d, if such a person is still waiting to be seen, as of the current day, please say: 'X' (specify number) amount of people are 'still waiting' on the list.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your questions 1c and 1d under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the FOI Act states:

Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—

(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and

(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

This service is a telephone only contact service therefore the 'seen' category does not apply. The trust therefore does not hold the information requested.

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