

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 04 May 2022.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. The number of people who were infected with Covid-19 inside your hospitals - so the patients who tested positive for Covid-19 after testing negative when they were first admitted.

2. The number of people who after being infected with Covid inside the hospital, then died of or with the virus, whilst in hospital, or after discharge.

Please see report below from our July 2021 Public Board paper

Nosocomial COVID – numbers and outcomes As previously reported at Trust Board in May, over the course of the pandemic we have recorded 92 cases of positive COVID swabs in patients who had been under the care of the Trust for over 14 days at the time of the first positive swab. As such, these cases are described as hospital onset - definite healthcare associated. There have been a further 143 cases of positive COVID swabs in patients who had been under the care of the Trust for between 8 and 14 days at the time of the first positive swab. These cases are described as hospital onset - probable healthcare associated. These cases have arisen either as isolated cases or as part of an outbreak (two or more such cases linked in time and place). Where there have been outbreaks of nosocomial COVID infection, these have been reported to and investigated with NHSE/I and Public Health England. November 2020 and January 2021 were months in which the number of cases of nosocomial infection was higher. There have been no further cases of nosocomial COVID acquisition since the date of the May Trust Board. Of the 92 patients with definite healthcare associated COVID, 31 subsequently died. 20 of these patients died 'of COVID' (COVID was listed in part 1 of the medical certificate of cause of death), and 11 died 'with COVID' (COVID was either listed in part 2 of the medical certificate of cause of death or it was not mentioned as it was not felt to be relevant). Of the 143 patients with probable healthcare associated COVID, 46 subsequently died. 35 of these patients died 'of COVID' (COVID was listed in part 1 of the medical certificate of cause of death), and 11 died 'with COVID' (COVID was either listed in part 2 of the medical certificate of cause of death or it was not mentioned as it was not felt to be relevant). Whilst outbreaks and the acquisition of COVID by patients in hospital have been seen across the NHS (nationally, 17% of cases of COVID diagnosed via hospital laboratories – 'pillar 1 testing' – are believed to have been nosocomial and this figure is identical in Milton Keynes), it is a matter of profound regret that patients under the care of the NHS have come to harm. We have been in touch with the families of those patients who have died following COVID acquired in hospital and we are sharing summaries of care and areas of learning.

MKUH plans to take an updated position to July 2022 Public Board – this will provide detail on 2021/22 nosocomial COVID deaths.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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