

## Number of Covid-19 Deaths

**Could you please supply the following information;**

**The number of people who have died in hospitals within the Belfast Trust of covid-19 being the primary cause , with no other comorbidities from March 23rd 2020 to the present day (11.7.21)?**

Information contained in this response was gathered from two combined data sources - Mortality Pathway data exported from the Northern Ireland Electronic Care Record (NIECR)\* and an export from the Public Health Agency (PHA) COVID-19 deaths reporting form database.

Deaths identified for the purpose of reporting:

\*Any death identified with one or more of the following terminology included on any part of the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD) and/or a COVID positive PCR test.

- Covid(pneumonia/pneumonitis)
- Covid19(pneumonia/pneumonitis)
- Covid 19(pneumonia/pneumonitis)
- Covid-19(pneumonia/pneumonitis)
- SARS-Cov2(pneumonia/pneumonitis)
- Coronavirus (pneumonia/pneumonitis)

- PHA reporting Criteria: Report all individuals who have died within 28 days of a first positive COVID-19 laboratory result (based on specimen date), whether or not COVID-19 was the cause of death.

- All other deaths in which COVID-19 is clinically suspected (i.e. without a positive laboratory test result) should be recorded on the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD).

**Q1. The number of people who have died in hospitals within the Belfast Trust of covid-19 being the primary cause , with no other comorbidities from March 23rd 2020 to the present day (11.7.21)?**

- From 1st March 2020 until 11th July 2021 inclusive there were 10 cases reported that had one of the above terms recorded on part 1a of the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death(MCCD) and nothing else recorded in parts 1b,1c or on Part 2.

- From 1st March 2020 until 11th July 2021 inclusive, there were a total of 456 cases identified who were reported to either the PHA and/or the Department of Health.

446(97.8%) had one or more conditions/causes other than COVID-19 also recorded on the MCCD. There were an additional 2 cases reported to the PHA and/or the Department of Health who did not have any of the above terms on any part of their MCCD but had a positive PCR test within the previous 28 days prior to death.