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## **ICU Department and Covid-19 Patients' Vaccination Status**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021, BBC reported from the COVID-19 ICU department within Belfast City Hospital. During that report, the consultant interviewed advised that out of the 7 patients currently in the COVID ICU department, only one had been double vaccinated with a covid-19 vaccine.

Can you please provide the following information?

- 1. Of those 6 patients who the consultant advised were unvaccinated-how many if any of these 6 patients had received one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine?**

Belfast Trust is unable to respond to this question as to provide the information could make patients personally identifiable given the small number, i.e. <5. The information is exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

- 2. If a patient is admitted to an ICU department within the Belfast Trust and they have been vaccinated with one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine - are they counted as unvaccinated?**

When a patient has received only one dose of vaccine, they fall into the category "Not fully vaccinated".