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Covid-19 Deaths 01/01/2020 to 23/08/2021 and Current Number and Vaccination Status of Covid-19 Patients in ICU on Ventilation

The exact number of deaths for the period from 1/1/2020 until today (23/8/2021) of those who have passed away with Covid-19 noted as the DIRECT and only cause of death so noted on part one of the death certificate.

Information contained in this response relating to deaths 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.*

Terms:

- 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).

From 1st January 2020 until 23rd August 2021 inclusive, there were 12 inpatient 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 January 2020 until 23rd August 2021 inclusive, there were a total of 495 inpatient cases identified who were reported to either the PHA and/or the Department of Health (DoH) – 483 (97.6%) had 1 or more conditions/causes other than COVID-19 also recorded on the MCCD. There were an additional <5 cases reported to the PHA and/or the DoH 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.

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Use of < 5 (less than five): We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the FOI Act as this could make patients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

Please furnish with me with the current number of Covid-19 patients in ICU on ventilation and a breakdown of this number (unvaccinated and vaccinated one injection or two) as a percentage.

As of 9am on 14 September 2021, the Trust had 11 confirmed Covid positive cases in ICU on a ventilator

55% unvaccinated
27 % double vaccinated
18% unknown