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Covid-19 Hospital Admissions, Patient Vaccination Status and Healthcare Acquired Covid-19 Infection

How many people over the last 30 days have been admitted to hospital due to Covid symptoms, and I would like only the people "who already had Covid" when coming to the hospital included.

During the period 1st August 2021 to 31st August 2021 there were 315 patients admitted to Belfast Trust hospitals who were Covid positive prior to admission.

How many of these individuals were:

- a) **Unvaccinated.**
- b) **Have had 1 dose of vaccine.**
- c) **Are Double Jabbed.**

Belfast Trust are unable to respond to this question, as we would not hold this level of detail regarding individual patients' vaccination status in relation to deaths. The vaccination status of individual patients is, not documented consistently in patient records and is not recorded on a central system in the Trust. The vaccination status of individuals is recorded onto the Regional Vaccine Management System, to which Belfast Trust do not have full access. The Department of Health may be able to assist.

One final thing I would like to know is how many people have gone into hospital with an unrelated illness, and have then tested positive after picking the virus up inside the hospital.

During the month of August 2021, there were 41 patients in Belfast Trust hospitals who contracted a healthcare acquired infection of Covid, who were previously admitted with an unrelated illness.

Notes

1. In response to this FOI, only those HCAs classified as definite and probable have been counted as those who received a positive test following admission.
2. Those HCAs classified as indeterminate have been included with those who were diagnosed with Covid-19 prior to admission.
3. Classifications for Covid-19 health care acquired infections are as follows
 - A definite healthcare associated infection (HCAI) case has illness onset (or first positive specimen date) 15 or more days after admission
 - A probable HCAI as having illness onset (or first positive specimen date) between 8 and 14 days after admission
 - An indeterminate HCAI is illness onset on days 3 to 7 after admission.
4. Day of admission is classed as day one.
5. Figures are under continuous validation and as such maybe subject to change.