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Covid-19: Hospital Admissions, Deaths and Vaccination Status, including pregnant patients & those under 24 years

Under the Freedom of information Act, please could you provide me with the number of admissions to the Royal Victoria, Musgrave Park and Belfast City Hospitals, for the last 5 years?

The number of admissions to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast City Hospital and Musgrave Park Hospital between 1st April 2016 and 31st August 2021 is provided in the table below –

Financial Year	Royal Victoria Hospital	Belfast City Hospital	Musgrave Park Hospital
2016/17	36,457	15,018	6,959
2017/18	35,593	13,315	6,660
2018/19	33,294	12,897	6,455
2019/20	31,958	13,122	5,885
2020/21	31,756	4,093	2,648
2021/22 **	13,811	2,534	1,823

** Note the 2021/22 year only includes admissions between 1st April 2021 and 31st August 2021

For all of those patients who died of any and all causes, how many of these patients had received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccinations?

Belfast Trust are unable to respond, as we do not hold this level of detail regarding individual patients' vaccination status. 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.

For all of those patients who died of any and all causes, how many of these patients had not received any COVID-19 vaccinations?

As above, Belfast Trust are unable to respond, as we do not hold this level of detail regarding individual patients' vaccination status.

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How many deaths were due to COVID- 19 alone and no other comorbidities which are listed on the death certificate, specifically from March 2020 to present day (23/08/21)?

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 March 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 March 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.

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

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Of the patients who were hospitalised for COVID-19, (not with), in the year 2020 to present day, how many of these patients were pregnant?

Between 1st March 2020 and 31st May 2021 there have been less than 5 pregnant women admitted to Belfast Health and Social Care Trust for the treatment of Covid-19.

Note – the clinical coding of a patient record is completed retrospectively following patient discharge. At present there is approximately a 3-month time lag for clinical coding to be complete as such we can only provide accurate information up to 31st May 2021.

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How many of these patients who were pregnant died as a result of COVID-19?

None of the patients were pregnant when they died as a result of Covid-19.

Of the patients who were pregnant and hospitalised because of COVID-19, how many of them experienced a miscarriage or still birth? And of these patients who experienced a miscarriage or still birth, how many patients had had at least one COVID-19 vaccination?

Between 1st March 2020 and 31st May 2021 there have been less than 5 women admitted to Belfast Health and Social Care Trust who experienced a miscarriage or still birth and also tested positive for Covid-19. As above, Belfast Trust are unable to respond as to the vaccination status of these patients, as we do not hold this level of detail.

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Of the patients who were hospitalised for COVID-19 in the year 2020 to present day, how many of these patients were 24 years old or younger?

Between 1st March 2020 and 31st August 2021 there were 98 patients aged 24 or younger admitted to Belfast Health and Social Care Trust for the treatment of Covid-19.

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Of the patients who were hospitalised for COVID-19 in the year 2020 to present day who were 24 years old or younger who died, how many of these died only from COVID-19 without other comorbidities present?

From 1st March 2020 until 23rd August 2021 inclusive, there were no cases reported of an inpatient aged 24 years or younger 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.