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## **Numbers Who Died From Covid Alone and Numbers with Second Vaccination Treated by Belfast Trust and Subsequently Died**

**1. Of the 2.517 death that have been called covid related can you please tell me of that number how many have died from covid alone with no other cause of death recorded?’**

From 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 to 8<sup>th</sup> September 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.

502 further cases reported 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.

**2. How many people that have had there second covid 19 Vaccination have been treated in Belfast trust hospitals? And how many of that number have sadly passed away.’**

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 within 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.

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)

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