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Vaccination Status of Patients - Deaths, Hospital Admissions and Attendance at Hospital for other Conditions following Covid-19 Vaccination (2021)

- 1. Is it the case that patients admitted to hospitals in the Trust are counted as being unvaccinated if they have only received a single injection, as opposed to two doses?**

When a patient has received only one dose of vaccine, they fall into the category “not fully vaccinated”.

- 2. How many people have died in total in the Belfast Trust hospitals in 2021 within 28 days of the first dose of injection?**

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.

- 3. How many people have died in total in the Belfast hospitals in 2021 within 28 days of the second dose of injection?**

As above, Belfast Trust do not hold this information.

- 4. How many people have attended Belfast Trust hospitals, including those not admitted, in 2021 with strokes within 28 days of either dose of Covid injection?**

As above, Belfast Trust do not hold this information.

- 5. How many people have attended Belfast Trust hospitals, including those not admitted in 2021 with heart attacks within 28 days of either dose of Covid injection?**

As above, Belfast Trust do not hold this information.

- 6. How many people have attended Belfast Trust hospitals, including those not admitted to our hospitals in 2021 with visual problems within 28 days of either dose of Covid injection?**

As above, Belfast Trust do not hold this information.

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- 7. How many people have attended, including those not admitted Belfast Trust hospitals in 2021 with neurological problems within 28 days of either dose of Covid injection?**

As above, Belfast Trust do not hold this information.

- 8. That the vaccination status is being recorded of all patients attending A&E for whatever reason.**

The vaccination status is not recorded routinely for all patients who attend ED; however, it may be documented as part of the medical history taken, if appropriate to clinical presentation.

- 9. That the number of cycles at which the PCR test is being amplified is the same for every sample, regardless of vaccination status of the patient.**

There are many assays and platforms in use in Belfast Trust for molecular testing of SARS CoV2. Manufacturers set the total number of PCR cycles for each of those assays and there is no deviation from that within Belfast Trust. Standard PCRs that mostly employ Taqman chemistry, including SARS CoV2 assays, are either 40 or 45 cycles of PCR regardless of the vaccination status of the patient.