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Mater Hospital Patient Ventilation

1. How many 'ventilated beds' does the Mater Hospital have?

The Mater can provide care for up to 60 patients requiring non-invasive ventilation. Patients requiring invasive ventilation will be transferred off the Mater site to an intensive care unit on another site.

2. How many were occupied and how many were unoccupied on the 22 July 2021?

The number of patients at a point in time during the day on 21 July was 13 requiring non-invasive ventilation and 12 at another point in time. On the 22 July there were 12 patients requiring non-invasive ventilation.

3. Of those that were occupied, what were the ages of the patients? Were they all in their 20/30s?

20-29: 0 patients
30-39: 4 patients
40-49: 5 patients
50-59: 0 patients
60-69: 1 patient
70-79: 2 patients
80-89: 1 patient

4. What were those patients being treated for? Were they all COVID patients?

The patients were all COVID positive and were being treated for COVID 19 infection.

5. Are you able to confirm if these people were vaccinated against COVID-19, or if they were unvaccinated?

Without review of all clinic notes, approximately 60% of the patients were unvaccinated.

5b. If you are unable to answer enquiry "5" - could you advise if Dr could possibly have been aware of the vaccine status of the patients she is referring to and if it's proper protocol for a doctor to report on patient's vaccine status on social media?

Doctor would be aware of patients' vaccination status.

6. Can you confirm if the Mater has "non invasive ventilators"?

Yes the Mater has non-invasive ventilators.

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7. If so, how many?

60 in total with access to an additional 20.

8. How many were being used on the 22nd July?

12 non-invasive ventilators were in use on 22 July.

9. How many were available on the 22 July?

60.

10. What were the ages of those on these “non-invasive ventilators”? Were they all in their 20/30s?

20-29: 0 patients
30-39: 4 patients
40-49: 5 patients
50-59: 0 patients
60-69: 1 patient
70-79: 2 patients
80-89: 1 patient

11. What were those patients being treated for? Were they all COVID patients?

Yes, these were COVID-positive patients and being treated for COVID symptoms

11. Are you able to confirm if these people were vaccinated against COVID-19, of it they were unvaccinated?

The vaccination status of patients is not centrally held and an extensive trawl of patient notes would be required.

We estimate that compliance with this request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

11b. If you are unable to answer enquiry "11" - could you advise if Dr could possibly have been aware of the vaccine status of the patients she is referring to and if it's proper protocol for a doctor to report on patient's vaccine status on social media?

Doctor would be aware of patients' vaccination status.

12a. On the 22 July 201 were there 20/30 year olds on non invasive ventilators in a HDU level or ward at the Mater Hospital?

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Yes

12b. If so, how many?

Please see above.

12c. How many [20/30 year olds] were being ventilated due to COVID-19?

Please see above.