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Whether an Emergency was declared due to SARS CoV-2 – Follow-Up Question - 25 May 2022

Following Belfast Trust response to FOI/27145 dated 24 May 2022 - I have a further question around the information provided, the response to Q1 states "Was a worldwide emergency" can you provide the information on who or what department/body informed the BHSCT that Sars Cov-2 was a worldwide emergency and under what authority?

It is a matter of public record that a UK-wide lockdown was introduced in March 2020. Similar lockdowns were introduced elsewhere in the world. In addition, Parliament introduced the *Coronavirus Act 2020* legislation, which enabled emergency powers to certain public bodies in the UK.

For specifics regarding Northern Ireland's response to the pandemic, we would suggest you seek information from the Northern Ireland Executive.