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Data re Covid-19 Vaccination Status of Patients Attending A&E and as Inpatients in Trust Hospitals

- 1. Within your Trust hospitals, for patients attending both A and E and as inpatient admissions, how exactly are the numbers of vaccinated and unvaccinated being counted? Within the data for unvaccinated people, does unvaccinated actually mean the people have had ZERO Covid vaccinations.**

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.

With regard to inpatient admissions, 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.

Unvaccinated means patients have had Zero Covid-19 vaccinations.

- 2. Is a patient deemed/counted in the data as unvaccinated if they have only received ONE Covid vaccination?**

When a patient has received only one dose of vaccine, they fall into the category "Not fully vaccinated".

- 3. Is a patient deemed/counted in the data as unvaccinated if they have had their second vaccination less than 14 days before presenting at hospital?**

When someone has had two doses of the vaccine, they are counted as having received two doses and therefore are fully vaccinated.

- 4. When exactly is a person counted in the data as "vaccinated", is that after one or both Covid inoculations? Are they counted as "vaccinated" only after a specific timeframe following an inoculation?**

A person is deemed fully vaccinated when they have received two doses and not fully vaccinated when only one dose has been received.

- 5. Who has set the criteria for deciding which group of data patients are counted as (vaccinated or unvaccinated)?**

Criteria regarding vaccination is set regionally by the Department of Health.