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## **Covid-19 – Staff Healthcare Associated Infections and Deaths**

**Can your Trust/HSC/PHA (whoever holds this information) provide me with the number of staff (whether directly employed by the Trust or agency staff) who contracted Covid in the workplace - HCAs - since the Covid-19 pandemic arrived in the Northern Ireland until the most recent day possible?**

**That is to include hospital staff, care home staff, domiciliary care staff, anyone working within the Trust area.**

**I'd like the total figure for each Trust.**

**Can the data be tallied to show the number contracting Covid each month up to the most recent month?**

**If possible can the data be broken down further to show how many came from each sector, i.e. hospital (which Ward, explaining which patients are treated on that ward), care homes, domiciliary care etc.**

**Can you indicate how many of these workers who got a HCAI then went on to be treated in ICU?**

**And the total number who died?**

**Furthermore, can you collate the data to show when workers died (if there are data protection issues, could it be put into a rough timespan for example March - June 2020 so many staff contracted a HCAI)**

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust is not in a position to confirm whether staff have contracted COVID-19 in the workplace or in the community. The Trust would refer you to NISRA who provide an analysis of Covid-related deaths by occupation code, which may be helpful to you. Please see website link below, for your convenience.  
<https://www.nisra.gov.uk/sites/nisra.gov.uk/files/publications/COVID-19%20deaths%20-%20March%202020%20-%20January%202021%20-%20Bulletin.pdf>

The Trust reports staff that have contracted COVID-19 to the Health and Safety Executive Northern Ireland (HSENI) under the criteria laid out by the HSENI in the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences (RIDDOR) Regulations and associated guidance on COVID-19 reporting. To date Belfast Trust have reported two staff member deaths to the HSENI, which occurred during the period October- December 2020 in line with RIDDOR reporting criteria. Please be advised that the RIDDOR reports to the HSENI have included details of these two deaths; however, it is not possible to conclusively and unequivocally prove that these staff contracted Covid-19 whilst carrying out their work activities for Belfast Trust.