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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.

In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we do hold the information relevant to your request. FOI 098

For questions 1 & 3 Exemption 22 is applied:

Please see the link provided

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-hospital-activity/>

1. Have records of Covid-19 infections in patients which were hospital acquired been kept? If so:

a) How many Covid-19 infections in patients were hospital acquired?

b) Of those who acquired Covid-19 while in hospital, how many died?

c) What was the total number of Covid-19 deaths in hospital?

See the NHS England link

2. Have records been kept of members of staff who contracted Covid-19? If so:

a) How many members of staff contracted Covid-19?

680.

b) How many members of staff were absent from work due to Covid-19?

1418

c) How many members of staff died due to Covid-19?

1 Staff member – L&D Site

Section 40 exemption applied – Bedford Site

3. What is the total number of Covid-19 infections recorded in hospital?

See the NHS England link

4. What is the procedure for when a patient is diagnosed with Covid-19 outside a Covid-19 ward?

Management of all patients from the time period march 2020 up to the present has been in line with guidance issued from Public Health/NhsEI/DoH in line the pandemic process. Any patient that is diagnosed with Covid 19 within the clinical area/hospital is isolated in line with policy.

- a) Has this procedure remained the same throughout the time period set out above?

All procedures/management of COVID patients have been conducted in line with published guidance.

5. What is the procedure for when a member of staff is diagnosed with Covid-19?

If a member of staff is diagnosed with COVID-19 they have to stay at home until no symptoms and get a fit note after 7 days from the GP.

- a) Has this procedure remained the same throughout the time period set out above?

Yes. We have continued to follow the national government PHE guidance throughout the period and responded to any changes in this guidance as they occur.

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Yours sincerely,

IG/FOI Coordinator