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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

To aid me in some research, I am wishing to gather various data/information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the number of deaths within the Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust I am wishing to gather information:

- a) where Covid-19 is listed as the direct cause of death (ie: which would fall in Section Ia of the MCCD) - how many between 1st February 2020 and 30th November 2020
- b) where Covid-19 is listed as the only contributing or underlying cause of death (ie: which would fall in section Ib or Ic of the MCCD) - how many between 1st February 2020 and 30th November 2020
- c) where other conditions or diseases existed, which were underlying or contributing causes of death as well as Covid-19 (ie: which would fall within section I - b or c of the MCCD) - how many between 1st February 2020 and 30th November 2020

Source for the following: Section 4.1 of

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877302/guidance-for-doctors-completing-medical-certificates-of-cause-of-death-covid-19.pdf

As of 26 January 2021, 709 deaths have been reported with COVID-19 having played a role. Going through each to see if COVID-19 was the sole factor in death, and what other conditions were at play, would require a manual audit of patient notes and would therefore exceed the s.12 timescale of the FOIA 2000.

More information on COVID-19 related deaths is accessible, here:

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