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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 1997 can you please answer the following questions.

1. Do you have a mask risk assessment in place for staff AND also patients within the hospital trust? Please forward a copy. It is a criminal offence not to provide one AND also not to have sufficient risk assessments in place.

All services within the Trust are required to undertake a risk assessment, completing an accompanying matrix form as well as following a standard operating procedure. Colleagues are also encouraged to complete a personal circumstances form which takes into account age, ethnicity, underlying health conditions and pregnancy. These are factored within risk assessments, and as following 'Safe Working Risk Assessment'.

Finally, all colleagues are required to wear a mask at all times when on hospital premises, as well as follow Personal Protection Equipment guidance which is reviewed and updated regularly.

2. Please provide the exact figures of patients who have died with covid-19 AND those that have died FROM covid-19 since the outbreak in March 2020.

At the time of completing (09/09/2021) we have had 866 recorded deaths reported across both hospital sites. We only have data back to August 2020 for the actual cause of death (with or from COVID). Since August 2020 we can confirm 542 died from COVID and 77 died with COVID. Further work is underway to categorise the remainder in this way.

3. Can you confirm the exact number of deaths from AND with covid-19 patients that had pre-existing comorbidities.

We do not have this information to be able to report on. We would need to know exact conditions to search if the patient had pre-existing conditions.

4. Has the hospital trust received any financial incentives for adding covid-19 to death certificates, sedation and/or end of life pathways?

There is no financial incentive that we are aware of to do this.

5. How many covid-19 positive patients been placed in care homes since March 2020?

This would require a manual audit, and would exceed the limits of this request.

6. Are staff members advised to report any/all adverse vaccine events to the MHRA Yellow Card Scheme & advising patients to do the same? For any side effects suffered by NHS staff AND also any/all patients? The Covid-19 vaccine is currently in phase 3 trials so all events MUST be reported in order to compile the data necessary to prove its safety & efficacy.

'The trust are using the licenced Comirnaty vaccine, and all staff are given the patient information leaflet that includes reporting of side effects.'

5. The nasal swabs are sterilised in a chemical called Ethylene Oxide which is highly carcinogenic AND DNA altering. Please supply a copy of the risk assessment in place for this chemical being repeatedly used on the blood brain barrier. Are patients informed of the risk to health?

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture Classification of the mixture according to Regulation 1272/2008/EC.

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This product contains no hazardous constituents, or the concentration of all chemical constituents are below the regulatory threshold limits described by European directive 1272/2008/EC and the Occupational Safety Health Administration Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200 and the Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS).

Information pertaining to particular dangers for man and environment The product presents no hazards to man or the environment as calculated by the procedures of the EU directives (1999/45/EC and Amendments)

2.2 Label elements The product is not subject to hazard identification regulations according to EU directives

6. Should a patient or staff member get cancer through the use of these tests please confirm where liability falls. Who will be liable? Again, government have ONLY issued guidelines. It is down to the individual corporate entity to decide ethically what they adhere to.

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7. Does the hospital plan to terminate the contracts of staff members that have chosen to decline the vaccine & wait for the safety & efficacy data to be released?

While we encourage colleagues to take the vaccine, it is an individual choice for all colleagues. Regardless of vaccination status, all appropriate infection, prevention and control policy is followed.

8. Who is liable for the adverse events & deaths of Bassetlaw Hospital staff members that have been coerced to take the vaccine in order to keep their position of employment? Currently the government have only 'advised' with government guidelines so please provide me the details of persons or department liable for enforcing the vaccination should death/damage occur as a result.

As above, colleagues are not 'coerced' into taking the vaccine.

9. In cases where patients have had severe adverse reaction or death after vaccination does liability fall with the individual staff member or the trust itself?

All those taking the vaccine are provided with an appropriate information booklet and related consent form.

10. Please confirm if staff members are told to inform patients at the time of vaccination that the vaccine is currently in phase 3 trials until 2nd May 2023? Under the Nuremberg code this is considered ethical.

All those taking the vaccine are provided with an appropriate information booklet and related consent form.

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11. Are vaccination staff told to provide information of the MHRA Yellow Card System to patients at the time when giving vaccinations?

The trust are using the licenced Comirnaty vaccine and all staff are given the patient information leaflet that includes reporting of side effects.

12. Please supply me the COSHH report for hand sanitisers used within the trust.

These are the links to view the reports below

<https://ulmysds.com/auto.aspx?accountid=sdsuk&languagecode=44&marketcode=44&companyid=Deb2&sdsno=10693>

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