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11 January 2022

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Dear

Re: Request for information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

Further to your request for information in relation to Northern H&SC Trust, ICU patients between 1st-24th December 2021, please find below the Trust's response.

1. How many ICU patients were treated for flu or non-covid related respiratory illnesses between 1st and 24th December 2021?

Between 1st and 24th December 2021 fewer than 5 patients were treated for Flu or any other non-COVID respiratory illness in Trust ICUs.

The Northern Health and Social Care Trust ("the Trust") cannot provide the precise number due to the small numbers involved i.e. less than 5, as this could be potentially matched up with other information to allow individuals to be identified. The Trust therefore considers this information exempt under Section 40(2)(3) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Trust decisions in relation to the release of information that the Trust holds are governed by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, the Data Protection Act (DPA)/GDPR 2018 and other pieces of associated legislation.

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response, you may request an Internal Review... in writing or by email to the Data Protection Officer, Mrs Nicola Lyons, at the addresses below.

dataprotectionofficer@northerntrust.hscni.net

Or

Mrs Nicola Lyons
Data Protection Officer
Information Governance Department
Route Complex
8e Coleraine Road
Ballymoney
Co Antrim
BT53 6BP

I trust that the information provided is helpful to you. However, if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

(electronically sent; therefore not signed)

Information Governance Officer