

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act Reference 2021.847 Released 4 June 2021

Thank you for your email dated 28 May 2021 requesting information regarding COVID-19 vaccines and COVID-19 deaths.

Please find detailed below a summary of your original request together with our response.

Original request:

How many people have died from having the Covid-19 vaccines in Kent Community Health Foundation Trust Hospitals from January 1st 2021 to date? How many people have had complications due to having the Covid-19 vaccines from January 1st 2020 to date?

Information relating to questions 1 and 2 has already been released previously and is available on our public website here: <u>https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021.775-</u> <u>COVID-19-deaths.pdf</u> (specifically see the response to questions 5 and 6 of request reference 2021.775).

3) How many deaths from Covid -19 alone have been recorded in Kent Community Health Foundation Trust Hospitals from January 1st 2020 to March 31st 2021?

Information relating to question 3 has already been released previously and is available on our public website here: <u>https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021.835-COVID-19-Deaths.pdf</u>

Therefore; all the information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 'information accessible to applicant by other means'. I have detailed below the relevant excerpt from the Act:

Section 21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

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