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REQUEST

I would like to know the following please for an ITV News survey:

- According to your records, how many NHS staff at your trust have died after contracting coronavirus?
- If possible, could we also know their role within the trust (for example ENT doctor, nurse, etc.)

We're not looking for any personal information about any member of staff, so just a number would suffice (especially if you're unable to give details on the staff members role at the trust). This is part of a nation-wide set of FOI requests to establish an overall number for across NHS services.

RESPONSE

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We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed “lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner”. It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.