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Subject: Staff numbers & sick leave due to Covid 19

REQUEST

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust:

Staff numbers

- Number of staff working in the whole Trust as at 1st March 2020.
- Number of staff working in the Accident and Emergency department as at 1st March 2020.
- Number of staff working in the Intensive Care Unit as at 1st March 2020.

Sick leave due to COVID-19

- Percentage of staff who took sick leave due to confirmed or suspected COVID-19 across the whole Trust during March 2020, April 2020, May 2020, June 2020, July 2020, August 2020 and September 2020 i.e. monthly sickness absence figures for COVID-19 between 1st March and 30th September 2020.
- Percentage of staff working in the Accident and Emergency department who took sick leave due to confirmed or suspected COVID-19 during March 2020, April 2020, May 2020, June 2020, July 2020, August 2020 and September 2020 i.e. monthly sickness absence figures for COVID-19 between 1st March and 30th September 2020.
- Percentage of staff working in the Intensive Care Unit who took sick leave due to confirmed or suspected COVID-19 during March 2020, April 2020, May 2020, June 2020, July 2020, August 2020 and September 2020 i.e. monthly sickness absence figures for COVID-19 between 1st March and 30th September 2020.

COVID-19 antibody tests

We understand that all NHS organisations were required to carry out COVID-19 **antibody** testing of all employees during summer 2020.

- Please can you confirm the date range for your routine COVID-19 **antibody** routine screening tests.

In addition:

- Across the whole Trust, how many staff were positive for COVID-19 antibodies on routine screening tests.
- For staff working in the Accident and Emergency department how many staff were positive for COVID-19 antibodies on routine screening tests.
- For staff working in the Intensive Care Unit how many staff were positive for COVID-19 antibodies on routine screening tests.

Please provide the information in the form of an Excel spreadsheet.

RESPONSE

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.