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REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. Please could you let me know the number of people in hospital with COVID 19 as of the 17th of October 2021 and 17th of November 2021 that are Vaccinated and not vaccinated? Please clearly break down the numbers of vaccinated or not vaccinated.
 - **The number of patients in the Trust recorded as positive for COVID 19 as at 17/10/2021 was 41.**
 - **The number of patients in the Trust recorded as positive for COVID 19 as at 17/11/2021 was 61.**

The Trust does not record this information on electronic systems therefore a manual audit of the patient clinical notes would be required in order to identify patients who were vaccinated or not vaccinated. This manual audit would exceed 18hrs therefor under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with providing the answer if we estimate that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in the Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 associated with the Act. The £450 cost limit represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours answering the questions asked.

2. Please could you also let me know what your occupancy rates are for the hospital for the following.
 - a. What is the age categories for your inpatients on your covid wards?

The age breakdown for the patients on those dates that were positive are as below

	17/10/2021	17/11/2021
Total confirmed COVID-19 patients at	0	0

0800 AGE 0-5		
Total confirmed COVID-19 patients at 0800 AGE 6-17	0	0
Total confirmed COVID-19 patients at 0800 AGE 18-24	<*5	<*5
Total confirmed COVID-19 patients at 0800 AGE 25-34	<*5	<*5
Total confirmed COVID-19 patients at 0800 AGE 35-44	<*5	6
Total confirmed COVID-19 patients at 0800 AGE 45-54	<*5	<*5
Total confirmed COVID-19 patients at 0800 AGE 55-64	<*5	10
Total confirmed COVID-19 patients at 0800 AGE 65-74	5	13
Total confirmed COVID-19 patients at 0800 AGE 75-84	13	18
Total confirmed COVID-19 patients at 0800 AGE 85+	11	8

Please note <5 : 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.

b. Inpatients with covid and inpatients without covid

Covid wards are aged 18, any under 18 patients will have been accommodated in paediatric cubicles.

	17/10/2021	17/11/2021
Occupied with COVID-19 patients	41	61
Occupied with suspected COVID-19 patients	<*5	<*5
Occupied with non COVID-19 patients	760	745

Please note <5 has been added where the number of patients is 5 or less, this information has been redacted to protect patient confidentiality and to ensure that patients cannot be identified.

3. What capacity you have in your hospital - eg how many free beds do you have as of November 17th 2021.

Total Unoccupied as of the 17/11/21	86
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4. What capacity you have in your Covid wards and what amount of them are currently occupied.

We have 1 dedicated ward as a cohort which is a 33 bedded ward (excluding 2 beds). We are a hospital with 50% cubicle capacity meaning we were able to manage our COVID patients in cubicles on other wards. The Trust has an escalation plan which includes opening further COVID cohort wards to match growing numbers of positive patients requiring specialist care for COVID. Specialist care for COVID patients will always be provided by the Respiratory team

5. What is your capacity on your covid wards in comparison to April 2020, November 2020, April 2021 and November 2021.

As above, the Trusts capacity will depend on the number of positive patients requiring specialist care for COVID. Last year we had more wards open as COVID cohort to match the demand.

6. How many patients caught covid whilst in hospital?

The Trust does not record this information on electronic systems therefore a manual audit of the patient clinical notes would be required in order to identify patients who have caught covid whilst in hospital. This manual audit would exceed 18hrs therefor under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with providing the answer if we estimate that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in the Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 associated with the Act. The £450 cost limit represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours answering the questions asked.

7. How many patients were admitted because of something else but then tested positive for covid.

The Trust does not record this information on electronic systems therefore a manual audit of the patient clinical notes would be required in order to identify patients who were admitted because of something else but then tested positive for covid. This manual audit would exceed 18hrs therefor under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with providing the answer if we estimate that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in the Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and

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