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## REQUEST

This request relates to the framework for reviewing deaths from COVID-19 nosocomial infection, which was developed by the North West Structured Judgement Review (SJR) Task and Finish Group.

Please can you provide the following information under FOI laws:

1. The number of 'duty of candour' letters sent to families since March 2020, in relation to patient deaths from nosocomial covid infections. Please break this down for each month.
2. Any 'template' that was used by the trust for these letters.

## 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.