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Subject: Employees with post-Covid syndrome.

REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'm requesting the following information on employees with post-Covid syndrome.

- 1) How many employees at your trust have an ongoing absence from work owing to illness from COVID-19 that has been ongoing for 12 weeks or more as of 11 March 2022?
- 2) How many employees at your trust have had an absence from work owing to illness from COVID-19 that lasted for 12 weeks or more between 30 January 2020 and 11 March 2022?
- 3) How many RIDDOR reports has your trust submitted to HSE since 30 January 2020 relating to:
 - a. accidents or incidents at work which have, or could have, led to the release or escape of coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) (dangerous occurrences)?
 - b. a person at work (a worker) having been diagnosed as having COVID-19 attributed to an occupational exposure to coronavirus (a case of disease)?
 - c. the death of a worker as a result of occupational exposure to coronavirus (a work-related death due to exposure to a biological agent)?

RESPONSE

The information that you have requested is intended for a future publication and therefore exempt under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Section 22(1) states that "Information is exempt information if—

- (a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not)"

Sec 22 is a qualified exemption which means the Trust must consider when applying this exemption whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption is greater than the public interest in disclosing the requested information.

The Trust considers that the Public Interest is on this occasion not in favour of disclosure, this is because the information that you have requested is part of an ongoing review and not yet confirmed.