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Subject: Number of and categorisation of COVID-19 related deaths, Influenza related deaths, Bed occupancy and ICU occupancy

- Q1** Total number of deaths within the Trust since the pandemic was declared by the WHO on 11th March 2020.
- A1** 143 to 11/03/20 - 30/11/20
- Q2** Total number of deaths within the Trust for the same period over each of the previous 10 years (2015-2019).
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| 2015 | 120 | |
| 2016 | 114 | |
| 2017 | 146 | |
| 2018 | 129 | |
| 2019 | 138 | |
| 2020 | 132 | +21 (COVID) = 153 |
- Q3** How do doctors fill in the death certificates for patients whom they believe died of what has been called SARS-CoV-2 / Coronavirus / COVID-19, and which of those terms are used?
- A3** These are completed as per Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD) Guidance.
- Q4** Total number of patients who have died within the Trust since the pandemic was declared, as a direct result of SARS-CoV-2 / Coronavirus / COVID-19, meaning that they died of or directly due to, and not with it.
- A4** 21
- Q5** How is it determined whether the patient's death is due to SARS-Cov-2 / Coronavirus / COVID-19 or not?
- a. Is there a requirement for a positive PCR result? If so within what time frame would this be prior to the date of death?
- A5** Based on medical decision making processes in line with GMC standards.
- a. Information not held - not just PCR is used in medical decision making and clinical judgement.
- Q6** Of the patients who have SARS-CoV-2 / Coronavirus / COVID-19 on their death certificate, please specify in which part of that certificate it appears - Part 1a, 1b, 1c or part 2.
- A6** This relates to any part of the death certificate where clinicians have referenced COVID,

as per MCCD's Guidance.

Part 1a – 15

Part 1b – 3

Part 2 – 6

Total – 24

Two further patients potentially included in these figures: one referred to coroner – awaiting cause of death and one did not have COVID on MCCD however was COVID+, so was reported to NHS England

Q7 Total bed occupancy in the month of November 2020.

A7	Sum of Beds Available	Sum of Beds Occupied	% Occupied
	5601	4602	82.16%

Q8 Total bed occupancy for November in the previous 10 years (2015-2019).

A8	2015	87.18%
	2016	87.92%
	2017	87.53%
	2018	85.37%
	2019	81.09%
	2020	82.16%

Information not held – Data not available for dates prior to 2015.

Q9 Bed occupancy during the month of November 2020 for patients admitted due to a respiratory problem.

A9 Information not held – We currently do not hold this data as coding is done retrospectively. Also 'respiratory' is not specifically recorded as LHCH is a tertiary centre treating multiple cardiology and chest conditions.

Q10 Bed occupancy during the month of November in the previous 10 years (2015-2019) for patients admitted due to a respiratory problem.

A10 Information not held – As above, 'respiratory' is not specifically recorded as LHCH is a tertiary centre treating multiple cardiology and chest conditions.

Q11 Number of respiratory patients in November 2020 with a positive PCR test for SARS-CoV-2.

A11 43 in total, 26 had a respiratory diagnosis

Q12 How do doctors record whether a patient has died due to influenza?

A12 Information not held - not just PCR is used in medical decision making and clinical judgement.

Q13 How many deaths in the month of November 2020 were attributed to influenza?

A13 Zero

Q14 How many deaths in the November of the previous 10 years were attributed to influenza?

A14 One

Q15 Number of COVID 19 deaths so far in the under 60 age bracket.

A15 Two

Q16 Number of COVID 19 deaths so far in the 60-69 age bracket.

A16 Ten

Q17 Number of COVID 19 deaths so far in the 70-79 age bracket.

A17 Twelve

Q18 Number of COVID 19 deaths so far in the over 80's age bracket.

A18 Two

Q19 ICU occupancy for each month of 2020 versus ICU occupancy for each month of the previous 10 years.

A19

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
January	86.7%	80.9%	87.2%	76.3%	86.8%	84.7%
February	82.0%	79.6%	86.9%	89.8%	90.0%	91.2%
March	67.8%	72.3%	82.8%	89.3%	83.2%	82.5%
April	46.1%	64.6%	82.7%	73.6%	85.7%	81.2%
May	40.3%	56.4%	80.2%	66.9%	82.4%	91.4%
June	36.6%	51.2%	76.9%	80.4%	77.1%	91.8%
July	49.7%	69.6%	88.9%	76.9%	74.0%	88.0%
August	46.9%	65.7%	80.8%	75.0%	69.8%	75.9%
September	59.0%	82.6%	72.5%	84.6%	76.7%	84.9%
October	64.2%	89.8%	83.7%	84.0%	87.7%	90.4%
November	65.2%	91.3%	90.3%	85.1%	87.3%	93.8%
December	71.5%*	81.0%	80.3%	85.6%	81.8%	90.1%
* incomplete data						

Information not held – Data for 2014-2010 not recorded

Q20 ICU occupancy for each month of 2020 due to COVID-19.

A20

January	0.00%
February	0.00%
March	4.23%
April	67.83%
May	32.32%
June	12.08%

July	0.57%
August	0.52%
September	4.46%
October	15.84%
November	23.02%
December	24.17%*
* incomplete data	