

Freedom of Information request 656-22

Request

1. How many people have been admitted to hospitals in this health board with 'Long Covid' in each calendar year since 2020, including the current year to date. For clarity, this would not have to be the main reason for admittance but may have been a related factor.
2. Is there any cost associated with question 1, either per long Covid patient and/or overall?
3. How many people were admitted overnight due to Long Covid in each calendar year since 2020, including the current year to date? For clarity, this would not have to be the main reason for admittance but may have been a related factor.
4. What was the combined number of 'bed days' for patients admitted overnight due to Long Covid in each calendar year since 2020, including the current year to date?

Response

1. Please find below the number of patients admitted to hospital with a diagnosis of Long Covid:

Year	Count of CHI
2020	0
2021	8
2022	6
Grand Total	14

2. NHS Borders do not produce costs to diagnostic procedure level therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.

3. Please find below the number of patients admitted overnight who had a diagnosis of Long Covid:

Year	Count of CHI
2020	0
2021	8
2022	4
Grand Total	12

4. Please find below the number of bed days for patients admitted overnight who had a diagnosis of Long Covid:

Year	Sum of LOS
2020	0
2021	25
2022	8
Grand Total	33

Please note: Data extracted using code U07.4 in Diagnostic positions 2 to 6. 2022 figures may be light due to lag time in coding diagnosis on discharge.

Source: TrakCare

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