

FoI request re: Structured Judgment Reviews

Ref: 21-SB-2004

Thank you for your request for information relating to the number of Structured Judgment Reviews carried out by the Trust since 1st January 2020.

This was received on 19 March 2021 and has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find our responses below:

Request 1:

Please can you tell me how many Structured Judgment Reviews (SJRs) the trust has carried out since 1st January 2020?

[From 1 January to 31 December 2020 there were 127 mortality SJRs completed.](#)

Request 2:

and how many of these reviews involved the death of a patient with hospital acquired Covid?

[13 nosocomial deaths reviewed.](#)

Request 3:

If the trust does not use the SJR method, please can you give me the numbers for the equivalent method you use e.g. a Serious Incident?

For the avoidance of doubt, when I refer to hospital-acquired Covid I am referring to both probable cases (a positive test 8-14 days after admission) and definite cases (testing positive 15 days or more after admission).

[The Trust uses the SJR method.](#)

Request 4:

What was the outcome of the SJRs (or SIs, if the SJR system is not used). For each SJR please give a brief summary of outcome e.g. any particular processes that were changed, any conclusion as to what went wrong).

[We can neither confirm nor deny whether some of the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested is not held in an easily retrievable format. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.](#)

I hope you find this information useful. Please quote the above reference in any further communication on this matter.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or at the address shown below.

Yours sincerely

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If you are dissatisfied with this response, Whittington Health operates a complaints procedure, details of which can be found below:

FOI Complaints:

In the first instance, write to:

Director Lead for Information Governance

Chief Operating Officer
Jenner Building
Magdala Avenue
London
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020 7288 5255
foi.whitthealth@nhs.net

If you remain dissatisfied with the Trust's response, you may write to:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745
www.ico.org.uk

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