

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Wiltshire Health & Care LLP Response to Information Request

Date Request Received: 13/03/2021

FOI Ref: 17/20_21

Requested Information

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If this is the incorrect address for this request, please would you be so kind to forward it onto the right one and cc me into the email.

1) What day (DD/MM/YYYY) did your trust's 'long Covid centre/clinic' become operational? (Your trust was one of 69 which had set up long Covid clinic's last autumn, according to this NHS England release: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/12/long-covid-patients-to-get-help-at-more-than-60-clinics/>)

Please could you breakdown the following information per month between 1 December 2020 and 28 February 2021:

1a) How many (suspected long Covid) patients were referred to this clinic by their GP over this period?

1b) How many of the (long Covid) patients assessed/seen over this period at your trust's clinic were ones who needed such help after being discharged from hospital?

Please could you break down the following information between 1 December 2020 and 28 February 2021 (its entirety rather than per month):

1c) What was the average waiting time (in days) to be seen for long Covid assessment/specialist help at the stated clinic?

1d) What was the longest time a person referred to/discharged into (from hospital) to the clinic had to wait to be seen in days. For Q1d, if such a person is still waiting to be seen please say 'X' (specify number) amount of people are 'still waiting' on the list.

Response

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 15 March 2021. The relevant department has provided me with the following response:

1. What day (DD/MM/YYYY) did your trust's 'long Covid centre/clinic' become operational? [First referral received 04/12/2020, first assessment recorded 15/12/2020.](#)

1a) How many (suspected long Covid) patients were referred to this clinic by their GP over this period?

Referral source	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21
GP	55	75	96
Other	5	6	9
TOTAL	60	81	105

1b) How many of the (long Covid) patients assessed/seen over this period at your trust's clinic were ones who needed such help after being discharged from hospital?

[We do not have the data to be able to answer this.](#)

1c) What was the average waiting time (in days) to be seen for long Covid assessment/specialist help at the stated clinic?

[Average waiting time of those seen so far is 20 days](#)

1d) What was the longest time a person referred to/discharged into (from hospital) to the clinic had to wait to be seen in days. For Q1d, if such a person is still waiting to be seen please say 'X' (specify number) amount of people are 'still waiting' on the list.

[Maximum wait of those seen so far was 37 days from referral to assessment.](#)

Currently 116 patients waiting on list, longest wait is currently 89 days (We have now trained more Physio staff to do assessments and are endeavouring the get through the telephone assessments within 2 weeks of referral)

Exemption(s)

Nil

Attachment(s)

Nil

Date Response Sent: 29/03/2021