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Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

1. Do you have a standalone policy that details how your organisation will support managers and employees on the issue of long Covid?

No

2. If not, have you amended another policy to detail how your organisation will support managers and employees on the issue of long Covid?

No

3. In either instance, please supply a copy of your policy/policies

N/A

4. How many employees have notified the organisation that they have been diagnosed with long Covid?

Although we don't record Long Covid as an absence reason, there have been approximately 43 members of staff that have been on long term sick leave due to Covid.

5. How many days have you lost as an organisation due to formally diagnosed long Covid?

Case	Length of time absent (in months)
1	5
2	10
3	3

4	2
5	3
6	10
7	14
8	30
9	1.5
10	6
11	4
12	3
13	2
14	1
15	2
16	2
17	1
18	1
19	2
20	7
21	1
22	2
23	17
24	2
25	2
26	17
27	1
28	17
29	2
30	7 (ongoing)
31	2 (ongoing)
32	13 (ongoing)
33	13 (ongoing)
34	4 (ongoing)
35	6 (ongoing)
36	31 (ongoing)
37	10
38	5
39	2
40	20 (ongoing)
41	14.5
42	14
43	5

6. If you are unable to answer questions 4 and/or 5 specifically, what data do you have on long Covid?

WWL records Long COVID referrals, waiting list and clinic attendance activity, as well as standard patient satisfaction data.

7. Do you have a specific rehabilitation package available to staff with long Covid (other than signposting to standard NHS care)?

Staff presenting with Long COVID have been able to have consultations with a Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine. If they require further treatment, staff have then been referred on to other specialty specific Long COVID services within WWL (i.e respiratory, ENT, rehabilitation services etc).

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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