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| Reference: | FOI.16665.25 |
| Subject: | Aspergillus fungal infection statistics |
| Date of Request: | 22 February 2025 |

Requested:

1. **The number of deaths** where Aspergillus has been a contributing factor? i.e. appears on the Death or interim Fact of Death Certificates.
If this could be grouped / sub divided by;
 - a. Each of the larger Hwyl Dda hospitals : **Withybush, Glangwili, Prince Philip and Bronglais**
 - b. **Date period** (quarterly or monthly perhaps) for the last five years to current date.

Could I have this in Excel spreadsheet format please?
2. When did the RAAC work commence at Withybush Hospital?
3. Did Aspergillus feature in the Risk Assessment for RAAC remedial work at Withybush?
4. Is regular maintenance/cleaning of ventilation system carried out at Withybush and if so, how regular are they and when was it last carried out prior to December 2024?
5. Has RAAC, or other large scale maintenance work requiring removal of ceiling tiles (a source of Aspergillus), occurred at the above mentioned hospitals and if so the dates for this work.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) regrets to inform you that it does not hold the information requested. The cause of death is recorded on Death Certificates issued by Register Offices. We therefore recommend that you redirect this question to the Freedom of Information Teams within each Local Authority in the UHB's footprint, who may be able to help you with your enquiry. Contact details are as follows: -

Information & Data Protection Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP or by email foia@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

Complaints & Freedom of Information Team, Ceredigion County Council, Canolfan Rheidol, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3UE or by email foi@ceredigion.gov.uk

Information Governance Team, Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1TP or by email FOI@pembrokeshire.gov.uk
2. The UHB confirms that the RAAC remedial works commenced at Withybush General Hospital (WGH) in June 2023.
3. The UHB confirms that Aspergillus did not feature in the Risk Assessment for RAAC remedial work at WGH.
4. The UHB's Computer Aided Facility Management (CAFM) planned maintenance system distributes work orders for ventilation to be serviced and cleaned every six months. However,

the UHB does not have planned maintenance for general duct systems that are attached to the units, and cleaning is performed on an ad hoc basis. The last time ducting was cleaned prior to December 2024 was in 2020, prior to the COVID pandemic and RAAC emergencies.

5. The UHB provides, within the table below, details of when ceiling tiles have been removed/replaced within the UHB's hospitals.

| Hospital | Area | Cause | Date |
|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------|
| WGH | Day Surgery | Refurbishment | 2000 |
| WGH | Intensive Therapy Unit (ITU) | Refurbishment | 2001 |
| WGH | Midwifery Led Unit (MLU) | Refurbishment | Prior to 2006 |
| Prince Philip Hospital (PPH) | Ward 9 | Refurbishment | 2009 |
| WGH | Adult Clinical Decision Unit (ACDU) | Refurbishment | 2010 |
| PPH | Mynydd Mawr RdhB Unit (MMRU) | Refurbishment | 2012 |
| WGH | Pathology Laboratory | Refurbishment | 2014 |
| PPH | Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) / Acute Medical Assessment Unit (AMAU) | Refurbishment | 2015 |
| WGH | Cancer Day Unit | Refurbishment | 2015 |
| WGH | Ward 9 | Refurbishment | 2019 |
| WGH | Ward 10 | Refurbishment | 2020 |
| Glangwili General Hospital (GGH) | Block 9 – Ground Floor | Refurbishment / Fire Project | 2023 |
| GGH | Block 6 – Ground Floor | Refurbishment / Fire Project | 2024 |
| GGH | Block 6 – First Floor | Refurbishment / Fire Project | 2024 |
| GGH | Block 6 – Second Floor | Refurbishment / Fire Project | 2024 |
| GGH | Outpatients Reception | Refurbishment / Fire Project | 2024 |
| PPH | Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Unit | Refurbishment | 2024 |
| Bronglais General Hospital (BGH) | Meurig Ward | Refurbishment / Fire Project | 2024/2025 |
| WGH | Wards 7,8,9,10,11,12 | RAAC | 2023/2024 |
| WGH | Ground Floor Areas | RAAC | 2024/2025 |

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| WGH | Lower Ground Floor Areas | RAAC | 2024/2025 |
| GGH | Derwen Ward | Refurbishment / Fire Project | 2025 |