

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.7804.21
<b>Subject:</b>	Covid-19/Coronavirus statistics
<b>Date of Request:</b>	22 December 2021

**Requested:**

1. The monthly hospital totals of patients who have died from (not 'with') Covid-19/Coronavirus since January 2019. From each total, how many patients were unvaccinated?
2. The monthly hospital admission totals for patients who were admitted solely for Covid-19/Coronavirus since January 2019 (NOT for another health reason, despite a positive test result). From each total, how many patients were unvaccinated?
3. The monthly hospital admission totals for patients who were admitted for flu since January 2019.
4. The monthly hospital admission totals for patients who were admitted for pneumonia since January 2019.
5. The monthly hospital admission totals for patients who were admitted for cardiac issues since January 2019.
6. The monthly hospital admission totals for patients who were admitted for blood clots since January 2019.
7. The monthly figures of deaths and adverse side-effects from the Covid-19/Coronavirus vaccinations.
8. The monthly figures of all patient deaths occurring within 28 days of a Covid-19/Coronavirus vaccination.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested for questions 1, 2 and 6 as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the "appropriate level" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The "appropriate level" represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the requested information for questions 1 and 2, the UHB would need to manually scrutinise the patient records of all those that were COVID positive on admission, as well as those who have died and were infected with COVID-19, to identify any data that fulfils your request, as this information is not recorded centrally.

Additionally, to provide the information requested for question 6, the UHB would need to undertake a manual search of all patient admission records, to identify if any patients were admitted for a blood clot during the requested period, as blood clots do not have a specific clinical code for the recording of this information.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under section 16 of the FoIA, we are required, as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request under FoIA.

Information on COVID-19 deaths is already within the public domain and therefore, the UHB has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the FoIA, as the information is accessible by another means. Information on confirmed COVID-19 deaths is available in the Coronavirus data dashboard on the Public Health Wales (PHW) website.

For ease of reference please click on the attached link which will take you directly to the PHW COVID-19 webpage:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

1. & 2. Section 12 exemption applied; full explanation provided above.
3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients admitted with Influenza across all of the UHB's hospitals, as recorded on the UHB's Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS), by month, during the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Month	2019	2020	2021
January	23	15	0
February	27	*	0
March	22	*	0
April	13	*	0
May	*	0	0
June	0	0	*
July	*	*	0
August	0	0	0
September	0	0	0
October	0	*	*
November	*	0	0
December	43	0	0

4. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients admitted with pneumonia across all of the UHB's hospitals, as recorded on the UHB's WPAS, by month, during the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Month	2019	2020	2021
January	225	204	89
February	158	153	61
March	179	142	77
April	191	88	91
May	161	83	78
June	139	69	97
July	127	97	79
August	107	104	114

September	123	93	99
October	149	77	131
November	178	70	107
December	240	78	55

5. The UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the number of patients admitted with cardiac issues across all of the UHB's hospitals, as recorded on the UHB's WPAS, by month, during the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Month	2019	2020	2021
January	300	263	174
February	224	208	162
March	250	156	226
April	241	97	189
May	226	180	191
June	247	167	202
July	211	259	180
August	207	263	150
September	274	241	185
October	212	209	216
November	262	201	163
December	205	135	75

6. Section 12 exemption applied; full explanation provided above.
7. The UHB does not hold information on deaths relating to vaccine adverse events. This information would be held by the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), which manages the yellow card scheme, a scheme used to collect, collate and investigate reports of suspected drug reactions.

Please re-direct your request to [FOI\\_policy@mhra.gov.uk](mailto:FOI_policy@mhra.gov.uk)

8. The COVID-19 vaccination was not approved for use in the UK until December 2020. Therefore, the UHB does not hold data prior to this.

The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients that died in hospital, within twenty eight (28) days of receiving a Covid-19 vaccination, as recorded on the UHB's WPAS, by month, for the period December 2020 to 31 December 2021.

Period	Number
December 2020	0
January 2021	*
February 2021	52
March 2021	22
April 2021	33
May 2021	43
June 2021	8
July 2021	*
August 2021	*
September 2021	*

October 2021	8
November 2021	17
December 2021	13

Please note: The data provided does not suggest that the COVID-19 vaccination was related to or contributed to the cause of death. Additionally, recent figures may be subject to change because of a standard clinical coding backlog of up to three (3) months.

Where the figures in the tables have been replaced with an asterisk (\*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low numbers of cases (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018/ General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the Data Protection Act 2018/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 defines personal data as data which relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information which is in the possession of the data controller.