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## **Requested:**

For the year of March 2020 to June 2021

- The No of people admitted or hospitalised to Glangwili Hospital who Tested positive for covid19. Including please those who were admitted to ICU as a result of Serious Covid19 complications
- 2) The No of deaths where Covid19 was the only contributing factor.
- 3) The no of deaths where Covid19 might have contributed to the death but wasn't due to Covid19.
- 4) The age of groups of those who Admitted with Covid19
- 5) The amount of reported Vaccine injuries or Vaccine adverse affects where people attended A&E to include Blood clots or any other reported under the yellow card reporting system.

## Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested 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.

The UHB only began centrally recording its confirmed and suspected COVID-19 admissions and bed occupancy on 13 April 2020. Additionally, the UHB does not hold a central record of cause of death for patients. Therefore, in order to provide you with the requested information, the UHB would need to manually scrutinise the patient records of all those that were admitted to hospital during the period 1 March and 13 April 2020, as well as those who have died as a result of COVID-19, to identify any patients with underlying medical conditions.

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. The UHB is therefore able to provide the following:

1) The UHB can confirm that between 13 April 2020 and 30 June 2021, 1,691 patients are recorded as having been admitted to Glangwili General Hospital with a positive COVID-19 result or suspected COVID-19.

Of these patients, the UHB can confirm that 601 Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds were occupied by patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 between 13 April 2020 and 30 March 2021. Please note as this is a bed occupancy figure, the same patient could be counted in the figures multiple times, representing the length of his/her stay in ICU.

4) The UHB has provided a breakdown of the 1,691 COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 admissions into 5 year age brackets within the table below.

Age Group (years old)	Number of Admissions
00 - 04	22
05 - 09	9
10 -14	9
15 - 19	16
20 - 24	31
25 - 29	33
30 - 34	45
35 - 39	35
40 - 44	36
45 - 49	49
50 - 54	71
55 - 59	88
60 - 64	108
65 - 69	137
70 - 74	204
75 - 79	218
80 - 84	230
85 - 89	189
90 - 94	118
95 - 99	41
100 - 104	2

5) The UHB does not hold information of vaccine injury or vaccine adverse events. This information would be held by the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), who manage the yellow card scheme, which is a scheme used to collect, collate and investigate reports of suspected drug reactions.

Please re-direct your request to FOI\_policy@mhra.gov.uk