

Reference:	FOI.6203.21
Subject:	COVID-19 deaths and PCR cycles
Date of Request:	10 June 2021

Requested:

1. Please could you give me the number of deaths whereby COVID is the sole cause of death listed, there were no other pre-existing conditions or comorbidities noted on the death certificate, covering the period from March 2020 until present day.
 - a. If the answer is any, are you able to provide me with the average age of the deceased?
2. I would also like the number of cycles you run your PCR tests on normally as well as the number of cycles that you are running for PCR tests where the patient/recipient is known to have been vaccinated with one of the available COVID jabs.
 - b. If there is any difference in the number of cycles being used in relation to the patient's vaccination status please could you explain why?

Response:

As this information is already within the public domain, Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has applied an Exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), as the information is accessible by another means.

1. The UHB has answered a similar Freedom of Information request, FOI/4420/21, which is available on our disclosure log and can be accessed via the attached link:

<https://hduhb.nhs.wales/about-us/governance-arrangements/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

2. Public Health Wales (PHW) has answered similar Freedom of Information requests which are available on its disclosure log and can be accessed via the attached link:

www2.nphs.wales.nhs.uk:8080/DisclosureLog.nsf/byMonthPage?OpenPage