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<b>Subject:</b>	Covid-19 deaths
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**Requested and response:**

**I understand that twenty deaths have recently been reported in the county of Pembrokeshire from Covid-19.**

**I wish to know firstly - is it true that all deaths involving the virus have to be reported as Covid19 deaths?**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms people who died in a hospital setting from Covid-19, and received a positive test for the virus within the preceding 28 days of the date of death, are reportable to Public Health Wales (PHW). On a daily basis, the UHB validates the number of deaths that meet this criteria and are reported to PHW. Clinicians also complete an electronic notifiable disease form.

The UHB holds information on all Covid-19 deaths that occurred within the UHB's hospitals. The UHB cannot confirm if the twenty (20) deaths reported in Pembrokeshire was correct, as information on deaths that occur within the community would not be held by the UHB. This information is reported via the Office of National Statistics (ONS).

**Secondly, how many of these twenty deaths were deaths FROM the virus i.e. no underlying health conditions or obesity?**

The UHB is unable to provide you with the information requested as it is not held. As previously explained the UHB is only able to report on hospital deaths. The twenty deaths quoted within your request were not a public disclosure from the UHB and therefore it is unaware of the details surrounding these deaths and is therefore unable to identify or disclose any information.