Reference:	FOI.5709.21
Subject:	Covid-19 deaths
Date of Request:	30 March 2021

Requested:

I formally request information on the number of specific Covid-19 deaths without underlying health problems or other attributing illnesses. This request is for Glangwili General Hospital, between 1 March 2020 and 29 March 2021.

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, as well as locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the requested information, the UHB would need to manually scrutinise the patient records of all those that died as a result of COVID-19, to identify any information that fulfils your request, as this information is not recorded centrally.

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. Therefore, the UHB confirms that there have been two hundred and twelve (212) COVID-19 related deaths in Glangwili General Hospital (GGH), during the requested period.

Additionally, information on COVID-19 deaths is already within the public domain. 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 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 dashboard webpage:

New Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) data dashboard launched - Public Health Wales (nhs.wales)