

Reference:	FOI.6779.21
Subject:	COVID-19 hospital admissions
Date of Request:	27 August 2021

Requested:

1. Between 1.10.20 and 28.2.21 how many individual admissions were made to Bronglais Hospital?
 - a. How many of those patients tested negative for Covid-19 upon admission?
 - b. Of those negative admissions, how many went on to spend at least one night on a ward with a Covid-positive patient after the Covid-positive patient had been identified as positive.
2. Between 1.10.20 and 28.2.21 how many individual admissions were made to Glangwili Hospital?
 - a. How many of those patients tested negative for Covid-19 upon admission?
 - b. Of those negative admissions, how many went on to spend at least one night on a ward with a Covid-positive patient after the Covid-positive patient had been identified as positive.
3. Between 1.10.20 and 28.2.21 how many individual admissions were made to Withybush Hospital?
 - a. How many of those patients tested negative for Covid-19 upon admission?
 - b. Of those negative admissions, how many went on to spend at least one night on a ward with a Covid-positive patient after the Covid-positive patient had been identified as positive.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The "appropriate limit" 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, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all patient admissions and manually scrutinise the patient records to identify those patients that tested negative and those who tested positive on admission, as this information is not recorded centrally.

Additionally, to identify those patients that were admitted and stayed on a ward with a patient that had tested positive, all wards would have to be contacted to identify the data to fulfil your request, as again, 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 provides, within the table below, the number of patient admissions in Bronglais General Hospital (BGH), Glangwili General Hospital (GGH) and Withybush General Hospital (WGH), during the period 1 October 2020 and 28 February 2021.

Hospital	Number of admissions
BGH	4,209
GGH	13,173
WGH	6,749

Additionally, information on COVID-19 hospital admissions is already within the public domain. This information 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/covid-19/public-health-wales)