

Reference:	FOI.3393.20
Subject:	COVID-19 in care homes
Date of Request:	17 June 2020

Requested:

1. How many covid-19 outbreaks have there been in care homes in your region between March 1st and June 16th 2020?
2. How many care homes did you provide oxygen to as a result of covid-19 outbreaks between:
 - a. March 1st to April 15th
 - b. April 15th to June 16th
3. How many hospital patients were discharged to care homes between:
 - a. March 1st to April 15th
 - b. April 15th to June 16th
4. How many hospital patients discharged to care homes were tested for covid-19? Please give totals for:
 - a. March 1st to April 15th
 - b. April 15th to June 16th
5. How many of the test results in Q4 were:
 - a. Positive
 - b. negative
 - c. inconclusive/ void
6. How many of the hospital patients discharged to care homes who tested positive for covid-19 were asymptomatic?
7. How many covid-19 related ambulance call-out requests did you receive from care homes between:
 - a. March 1st to April 15th
 - b. April 15th to June 16th
8. How many of the call-out requests referred to in Q6 did you send an ambulance to between:
 - a. March 1st to April 15th
 - b. April 15th to June 16th
9. How many care home residents did you admit to hospital between March 1st to June 16th. Please give totals for:
 - a. Those with suspected or confirmed covid-19
 - b. Non-covid-19 related patients

Response:

1. & 2. Care home data is not the responsibility of Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB).

We would therefore recommend that you redirect your request to the Freedom of Information Team in each County Council who may be able to help you with your enquiry. Contact details have been provided below:-

Freedom of Information Office, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Castle Hill, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP.

Complaints & Freedom of Information Team, Canolfan Rheidol, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3UE or by email foi@ceredigion.gov.uk

Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1TP or by email: FOI@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

- 3a. The UHB confirms two hundred and twenty-one (221) patients are recorded as being discharged from UHB hospitals to care homes for the period 1 March to 15 April 2020.
- 3b. The UHB confirms one hundred and forty-nine (149) patients are recorded as being discharged from UHB hospitals to care homes for the period 16 April to 16 June 2020.
- 4a. The UHB confirms thirty (30) of the patients discharged were tested for COVID-19 for the period 1 March to 15 April 2020.
- 4b. The UHB confirms one hundred and twenty-six (126) of the patients discharged were tested for COVID-19 for the period 16 April to 16 June 2020.
- 5. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients that produced positive, negative and inconclusive results for COVID-19, for the period March to 16 June 2020.

Positive	Negative	Inconclusive
8	148	0

- 6. The 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 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.

In order to provide you with this information, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of discharged patient records who tested positive for COVID-19 to identify any information that would fulfil your request. The number of patients discharged that tested positive was 148; therefore, conducting the search would far exceed the ‘appropriate level’, costing the UHB the following:

148 @ 15 minutes per patient record = 37 hours
37 hours @ £25 per hours = £925.00

Therefore, the UHB is applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, 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.

7. The UHB does not hold this information. We would therefore recommend that you redirect your request to the Freedom of Information Team in Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust (WAST) who may be able to help you with your enquiry. Contact details have been provided below:-

Freedom of Information Office, Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust headquarters, Ty Elwy, Unit 7, Richard Davies Road, St Asaph Business Park, St Asaph, Denbighshire, LL17 0LJ or by email FOI.amb@wales.nhs.uk

8. See response to question 7.

9. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of care home residents admitted to hospital from care homes, broken down into those who were suspected/confirmed as having COVID-19 and the non COVID-19 related admissions for the period 27 February and 16 June 2020. The date range has been extended to provide the numbers for full weeks.

Admissions	Suspected/Confirmed	Non-related
208	62	146