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Subject:	COVID-19 information
Date of Request:	21 December 2020

Requested:

1. How many COVID positive patients have died at Amman Valley Hospital between 1st April 2020 and 15th December 2020?
2. How many COVID positive patients have died at the Llandovery Hospital between 1st April 2020 and 15th December 2020?
3. How many COVID positive patients have died at Tregaron Hospital between 1st April 2020 and 15th December 2020?
4. How many COVID positive patients have died at South Pembrokeshire Hospital between 1st April 2020 and 15th December 2020?
5. How many COVID positive patients have died at Tenby Hospital between 1st April 2020 and 15th December 2020?
6. How many patients within the entire NHS Wales have died solely from COVID19/SARS-COV-2 (no underlying or contributing factors) since 1st April 2020 up to 15th December 2020?
7. How many staff members have tested positive for coronavirus since [23rd March](#)?
8. Of the above number, how many employees within the entire NHS Wales organisation have died from COVID19/SARS-COV-2 with no other contributing issues?
9. How many patients are currently in hospital with coronavirus in NHS Wales?
10. Of the above number, how many COVID positive patients are currently on a ventilator throughout the trust?
11. How many ICU beds do you have across all Welsh hospitals and what is the current occupancy as a percentage?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the information requested for all of the Health Boards in Wales. We therefore suggest you contact the other Health Boards in Wales directly for this information. Contact details for each of the Health Boards can be found via the following link:

[Health in Wales | Local Health Boards](#)

1. The UHB confirms that six (6) patients that tested positive for COVID-19 have died at Amman Valley Hospital (AVH) during the requested period.
- 2-5. The UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients for questions 2 to 5, due to the low numbers of cases (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals

if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018/ General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the Data Protection Act 2018/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 defines personal data as data which relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information which is in the possession of the data controller.

- 6-8. The UHB is unable to provide you with the information requested for questions 6, 7 and 8 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 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.

Additionally, in relation to the information being requested relating to staff, the UHB only holds records of employee testing information between the dates of 18 March 2020 and 20 May 2020 which was prior to the national system being utilised. Therefore, as this information is no longer recorded centrally, the UHB would need to undertake a manual search of all Occupational Health (OH) records and manually scrutinise all COVID-19 positive test results to identify any information that would fulfil this part of your request.

During the period that staff information was recorded, 490 staff tested positive; therefore, conducting the search for this element of your request for the two month period alone would far exceed the ‘appropriate level’, costing the UHB the following:

490 @ 15 minutes per patient record = 122.5 hours
162.5 hours @ £25 per hours = £3,062.50

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.

9. The UHB confirms that there were two hundred and twenty three (223) inpatients with either suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and those that were recovering across the UHB, as at 21 December 2020.
10. The UHB confirms that five (5) COVID-19 positive patients were on a ventilator across the UHB, as at 21 December 2020.
11. The UHB confirms that across the UHB it has twenty-one (21) staffed Critical Care beds with an occupancy percentage of 86%, as at 21 December 2020.

Please note, not all of the beds are occupied with COVID-19 related cases.