

Reference:	FOI.5373.21
Subject:	COVID-19 information
Date of Request:	16 February 2021

Requested:

Please could you provide me with the following information?

1. From 01/01/2020 to 14/02/2021 how many patients have died of COVID-19 without any other underlying health issues at your hospitals?
2. As of 14/02/2021 how many COVID-19 patients are you currently treating at your hospitals?
3. How many beds at your hospitals are currently occupied?
4. How many patients died of COVID-19 without any other underlying health issues from 01/01/2020 to 14/02/2021?
5. What is the RT-PCR amplification cycle as of 14/02/2021?
6. What is the range of RT-PCR amplification that was used from 01/01/2020 to 14/02/2021?
7. How many beds are currently occupied?
8. How many staff hours have you lost due to COVID-19 from 01/01/2020 -14/02/2021?
9. Could you please provide evidence that "sarrscov2" exists and has been scientifically isolated and purified in a laboratory and any isolation process adhered to "koch postulates"?
10. Evidence of an acute list of records held by the British Government or any authority of the British Government that describes the isolation of "sarrscov2" virus, taken directly from a symptomatic patient with COVID-19 where the sample was not combined or mixed with any other source of genetic material or contaminant, such as monkey kidney cells or cancer cells?
11. How many patients do you currently have in ICU's?
12. From 01/01/2020 to 14/02/2021 how many patients have you treated with influenza?
13. From 01/01/2020 to 14/02/2021 how many patients have died in your hospitals of influenza?

Response:

The information for questions 1, 3, 5 and 6 is already within the public domain; therefore, Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as the information is accessible by another means.

Freedom of Information requests, similar to questions 1, 5 and 6, have previously been answered, FOI/4761/20 and FOI 5243/21, which are available on our disclosure log. The information requested for question 3 is available on the Welsh Government website.

For ease of reference please click on the attached links which will take you directly to the webpages:

Disclosure log:

<https://hduhb.nhs.wales/about-us/governance-arrangements/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

Statistics for Wales:

<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/NHS-Hospital-Activity/NHS-Beds/nhsbeds-by-organisation-site>

2. The UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the number of COVID-19 patients being treated, across the UHB, as at 14 February 2021, as requested.

COVID-19 status	Number	Bed type
Confirmed	6	Intensive Care Unit beds (ICU)
	104	Non-critical care beds
Suspected	12	Non-critical care beds
Recovering	65	Non-critical care beds

4. Repeated question, see response to question 1.

7. Repeated question, see response to question 3.

8. The UHB does not record absences in hours. However, the UHB can confirm that a total of 122,697 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) days were lost, due to COVID-19 (includes all COVID-19 sickness absences, self-isolation and shielding), which was 3.17% of the available WTE days, during the period 1 January 2020 to 14 February 2021, as requested.

9. & 10. The UHB does not hold the information requested. Information in relation to your request is available on the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) website via the attached link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/scientific-advisory-group-for-emergencies>

11. The UHB confirms that nineteen (19) patients were in ICU wards across the UHB, five (5) of which were confirmed as having COVID-19, as at 16 February 2021.

12. The UHB confirms that thirty three (33) patients were treated for influenza, during the period 1 January 2020 to 14 February 2021, as requested.

13. The UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients that died of influenza, during the requested period, 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.