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<b>Subject:</b>	COVID-19 testing
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**Requested:**

1. How many care homes have been infected with COVID-19 in your area since 11 March 2020?
2. How many domiciliary, social care and care home workers are registered in your area?
3. How many domiciliary, social care and care home workers have been tested for COVID-19 in your area up to 11 June 2020?
4. Are asymptomatic domiciliary, social care and care home workers tested in your area?
5. Are domiciliary, social care and care home workers able to book direct with all drive-through testing centres in your area – please also provide the names of the ones where they are unable to do so?
6. When individuals or employers are applying for tests through your local authority or health board, are care homes notified of when they can test their staff and, if not, why not?

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide the information requested for questions 1 and 2 as the UHB does not hold this information.

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](mailto:foi@ceredigion.gov.uk)

Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1TP or by email: [FOI@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:FOI@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

3. The UHB is unable to identify the individual staff groups as requested as the information is not recorded in this manner.  
The UHB can confirm 5,917 tests were undertaken for care home staff and 393 tests were undertaken for other Local Authority staff up to 11 June 2020.
4. The UHB confirms, all symptomatic key workers can request a test through the UHB's Command Centre by emailing [Covidenquiries.hdd@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Covidenquiries.hdd@wales.nhs.uk) or by telephone on 0300 303 8322.

Care home asymptomatic staff have been tested through the UHB's Care Home Mass testing programme. As of the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 all care home staff are being offered weekly tests for a duration of four (4) weeks in line with the Welsh Government advice letter, a copy has been provided, Attachment 1.

5. The UHB confirms all key workers can book a test using the national on-line portal for the drive through testing facilities in Carmarthen. The drive through centre is located at Nant Y Ci Showground, Carmarthen.

Other testing facilities are available across the West Wales area in Aberystwyth, Cardigan, Haverfordwest and Llanelli and can only be booked through the UHB's Command Centre.

6. In addition to the response provided for question 4; in order to manage the availability and capacity of tests across Wales through the on-line portal, asymptomatic care home staff within the UHB area are requested to book their weekly tests on a Wednesday.

Symptomatic Key workers can request tests at any time through the UHB's Command Centre.