

Reference:	FOI.4872.20
Subject:	COVID-19 vaccinations
Date of Request:	30 December 2020

Requested:

1. Have vaccinations been taking place at Withybush General Hospital?
2. Have any administrative staff been vaccinated at Withybush General Hospital?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of 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 the information requested for question 2, the UHB would need to identify all staff working within Withybush General Hospital (WGH), undertake a manual trawl of their job roles and cross reference with the Welsh Immunisation System (WIS) to identify any information that fulfils your request, as 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.

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.

The UHB is following the advice of the Joint Committee of Vaccination & Immunisation (JCVI) and continues to offer vaccines to patient-facing staff groups which include, high risk patient-facing staff, frontline health care staff, domiciliary and social care staff in accordance with JCVI advice which can be accessed via the following link:

[Priority groups for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination: advice from the JCVI, 2 December 2020 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/priority-groups-for-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-advice-from-the-jcvi-2-december-2020)

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that no COVID-19 vaccines had been administered at Withybush General Hospital (WGH) at the time of your request.