

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.5953.21
<b>Subject:</b>	COVID-19
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**Requested:**

1. How many people have died from COVID-19 in Hywel Dda University Health Board Hospitals between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021?  
This is to include only patients where Covid-19 is the only cause of death and have not died with pre-existing conditions or from unforeseen circumstances such as car accidents etc.
2. How many patients at Hywel Dda University Health Board Hospitals are there currently with confirmed Covid-19?
3. How many fatalities have been reported within 72 hours of administering any Covid-19 vaccine to a patient within Hywel Dda University Health Board area between 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021?

**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.

Not all of the information requested is recorded centrally. Therefore, in order to provide you with the information requested for question 1, the UHB would have to manually scrutinise patient records of all those that died as a result of COVID-19, to identify the requested information.

To provide the information requested for question 3, the UHB would need to identify all coronavirus patient deaths recorded on the UHB’s Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) and cross reference records with the forty eight (48) GP Practices and the seven (7) Mass Vaccination Centres (MVC), to identify any fatalities that were reported within 72 hours of administering any COVID-19 vaccine, during the requested period.

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.

However, 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 and therefore, information requested for question 2 is provided.

2. The UHB confirms that there were six (6) inpatients with confirmed COVID-19 in UHB hospitals, at the date of your request.