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Requested:

It is six months since the Welsh Government announced £4.5m of funding to help local authorities investigate every case of HAC or nosocomial infections.

<https://gov.wales/more-45m-investigate-and-learn-hospital-acquired-covid-19-infections-wales>

I know from your website that you have estimated this process will take 2 years.

Please could you help me with the latest data on the progress of the Covid-19 Investigations at your health board?

1. How many Covid-19 Patient Safety Incident (PSI) investigations have been fully completed so far?
2. How many PSI investigations are currently active and not yet completed?
3. How many PSI investigations does the HB estimate still need to be started?
4. How many Covid-19 PSI investigations relating to nosocomial infections were triggered by a complaint by a patient or related family member?
5. How many Covid-19 PSI investigations have resulted in an offer of redress, in the form of financial compensation?

The Welsh Government said these investigations across Wales, partly using their funding, would help to ensure lessons are learnt by the pandemic.

6. Please can you tell me if anonymised information gathered from these investigations will be published so that the public can see the results of this learning? If so, when do you intend to do this and what form is it likely to take?

Response:

1. to 3. This information 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 (FoIA), as the information is accessible by another means.

As the review of hospital acquired COVID-19 infections, in line with the NHS Wales National Framework for the Management of Patient Safety Incidents progresses, all updates are being presented at the Quality Safety and Experience Committee (QSEC) meetings, with the details being published on the UHB's webpages.

[The most recent update on the review of Nosocomial COVID-19 Infections](#), was presented at the UHB's QSEC meeting on 9 August 2022.

For ease of reference, please click on the attached link, which will take you directly to the review paper:

<https://hduhb.nhs.wales/about-us/governance-arrangements/board-committees/quality-safety-and-experience-committee-qsec/qsec-9-august-2022/item-32-quality-assurance-report/>

4. The UHB confirms that it is investigating all nosocomial COVID-19 infections regardless of whether a complaint was made or not. However, through the UHB's 'Putting things right' process, additional questions have been raised by families for twenty one (21) of the investigations.
5. The UHB confirms that at this stage in the Nosocomial COVID-19 investigation programme, no offers of redress have been made.
6. The UHB commenced its investigations into nosocomial COVID-19 related deaths during 2021 and has produced reports in August 2021 and February 2022, which were presented at the QSEC meeting, with the reports and minutes being published on the UHB's website.

Additionally, the UHB has reported the progress of the programme through the Quality and Safety Assurance reports, also presented at the QSEC meetings, in April, June and August 2022 and as new learning is identified, it will be included in this report.

All reports and minutes are published on the UHB's webpage and can be accessed via the link below:

[Quality Safety and Experience Committee \(QSEC\) - Hywel Dda University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://hduhb.nhs.wales/about-us/governance-arrangements/board-committees/quality-safety-and-experience-committee-qsec/)