

Reference:	FOI.6796.21
Subject:	Hospital staff COVID-19 testing
Date of Request:	31 August 2021

Requested:

On 4.12.20 the Welsh Government [announced](#) that routine Covid-19 testing of asymptomatic frontline health staff would begin later that month.

1. On what date did regular testing of asymptomatic staff working at Bronglais Hospital begin?

In week one of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?

In week two of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?

In week three of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?

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In week nine of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?

In week ten of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?

In week eleven of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?

In week twelve of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?

2. On what date did regular testing of asymptomatic staff working at Glangwili Hospital begin?

In week one of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?

In week two of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?

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In week twelve of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?

3. On what date did regular testing of asymptomatic staff working at Withybush Hospital begin?

In week one of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?

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Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold all of the information requested. However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance.

The Welsh Government (WG) published on 14 December 2020, that Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests would be made available to test frontline health and social care workers twice weekly. The UHB confirms that a process was established to roll out LFD testing to all UHB staff from 25 February 2021, which incorporated a risk assessed approach, prioritising the LFD tests to the areas identified as having the most vulnerable patient groups e.g. cancer services and visiting professionals to care homes.

As of 6 September 2021, around 7,500 members of staff have collected LFD testing kits from the UHB's roll out programme.

Although this testing programme is voluntary, staff have been strongly encouraged to take part in the programme to help keep their workplace safe for the people they care for, visitors and all their colleagues.

The UHB does not record the information for staff testing by hospital, as LFD tests are reported by the individual staff member via the Government website, which can be accessed via the attached link:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>