

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.5035.21
<b>Subject:</b>	Number of NHS staff offered a vaccine
<b>Date of Request:</b>	18 January 2021

**Requested:**

1. How many members of staff in your Health Board were offered an appointment for a coronavirus vaccine between Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January?
2. How many coronavirus vaccines were actually administered between Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January?
3. How many Health Board staff members made it known that they did not want to have the vaccine?

**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 3, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all Occupational Health (OH) records 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, and therefore provides the information requested for question 1 and 2.

1. The UHB confirms that UHB staff were offered the vaccine via an online web link for the period 8 December 2020 to 15 January 2021. The bulletin issued to publicise the link detailed what staff roles are eligible in accordance with Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) guidance.

Eligible health and social care staff are invited to book an appointment via an online booking system, subject to vaccine delivery and availability.

2. The UHB confirms that 17,964 coronavirus vaccines were administered during the period 8 December 2020 and 15 January 2021.

Additionally, the UHB publishes its vaccine data on a weekly basis, which can be located on the UHBs webpage via the link below:

[Weekly progress - Hywel Dda University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthboards/hywel-dda-university-health-board/weekly-progress)

