

Reference:	FOI.7909.22
Subject:	People hospitalised with COVID-19
Date of Request:	7 January 2022

Requested:

Please can you provide me with the following:

1. How many people were hospitalised between January 2021 to March 2021 that had tested positive with Covid and the number of those that died.
2. How many hospitalisations had the following conditions:
 - a. SARS-CoV-2
 - b. Seasonal or winter flu
 - c. Common cold
 - d. Pneumonia
3. Also, between July 2021 to October 2021, how many people were hospitalised vaccinated and unvaccinated with the following:
 - a. SARS-CoV-2
 - b. Seasonal or winter flu
 - c. Common cold
 - d. Pneumonia

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested for questions 2c and 3c 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 this information, the UHB would need to undertake a manual search of all patient admission records, to identify if any patients were admitted for a common cold during the requested period, as the UHB does not have a specific clinical code to record a common cold and to identify their vaccination status.

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 provide the accessible information below.

1. The UHB confirms that 338 patients were admitted to hospital that had received a positive COVID-19 test result up to seven (7) days prior to admission and 63 of those patients died whilst in hospital, during the period 1 January to 31 March 2021.

2a. Please see response to question 1.

2b. The UHB confirms that there were no patients admitted to hospital with Influenza, during the period 1 January to 31 March 2021.

2d. The UHB confirms that nine (9) patients were admitted to hospital with Pneumonia, during the period 1 January to 31 March 2021.

3a. b. & c. The UHB, provides, within the table below, the vaccination status of the patients admitted to hospital with COVID-19, Influenza and Pneumonia, during the period 1 July to 31 October 2021.

Condition	One	Two	Three	Booster
COVID-19	20	307	2	7
Influenza	0	2	0	0
Pneumonia	18	312	2	13

Please note:- Recent figures may be subject to change because of a standard clinical coding backlog of up to three (3) months.