

Reference:	FOI.3252.20
Subject:	Staff and patients tested for COVID-19 in Bryngofal ward, Prince Philip Hospital (PPH)
Date of Request:	1 June 2020

Requested:

I believe that my question 2 in the original FOI request (3226) was not sufficiently clear and I apologise for this.

I would like to know if any patients or staff on Bryngofal Ward, PPH, were tested for COVID-19 during the period 27/1/20 to the present date and if so the numbers of tests carried out.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the exact number of staff members tested for COVID-19 on Bryngofal ward, Prince Philip Hospital (PPH) due to the low numbers of cases (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018/ General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the Data Protection Act 2018/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 defines personal data as data which relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information which is in the possession of the data controller.

The UHB can confirm, ten (10) patients on Bryngofal Ward, PPH, were tested for COVID-19 during the period requested.