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Swansea Bay University  
Health Board

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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. I apologise for the delay in responding. Your request sought information relating to deaths from COVID-19.

**1) How many deaths there have been during 2020 within Swansea Bay NHS Health Board of Covid-19?**

You clarified on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 that you would like the total number of deaths with COVID-19 as a contributing factor.

I can confirm that the information you are seeking is held on our Disclosure Log on our website. Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (information accessible by other means), we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. May I therefore recommend that you look at this link to our disclosure log, which contains details of where you can obtain the information you require:

<https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/files/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log-2020/december/20-l-030-deaths-from-covid-with-no-other-factors-1/>

**2) How many deaths during 2020 were directly attributed to Covid-19 with no other contributing conditions?**

Please see question 1.

**3) How many deaths there were during 2020 within the Health Board from seasonal influenza virus?**

The Health Board's information systems do not code the cause of death; such information could only be obtained by reference to the individual's death certificate.



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Swansea Bay University Health Board is the operational name of Swansea Bay University Local Health Board

Death certificates are not held by the Health Board, but by the Registrar of Deaths (in the local authority).

May I suggest you also visit the Office for National Statistics website, where they compile information on respiratory deaths on a yearly basis;

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/adhocs/11241deathsfromasthmarespiratorydiseasechronicobstructivepulmonarydiseaseandfluenglandandwales20012018occurrences>

**4) How many deaths there were during the years 2018 and 2019 of seasonal influenza virus?**

Please see question 3.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely

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