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Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Your request sought information relating to COVID-19 statistics.

### **Request set one**

**1. The number of persons with suspected (not confirmed) cases of Covid-19 hospitalised with severe symptoms during the 'firebreak' lockdown period 23 October 2020 – 8 November 2020.**

Due to coding and data completeness there is an approximately 6 week delay in the data that we can provide to answer this question. As the time period you have requested ends less than 6 weeks in the past, this information is not yet available.

**2. The number of persons with suspected (not confirmed) cases of Covid-19 hospitalised with severe symptoms for the month preceding the firebreak. So for the period 23 September 2020 – 22 October 2020.**

Please see set 1 question 1.

**3. The number of patients hospitalised with severe respiratory illnesses including influenza, pneumonia for this time of year (01 October – 01 November) over the last five years (2014-2019).**

Please note that this is the number of emergency admissions (inpatients), who have a primary admitting diagnosis of 'severe respiratory illness'. A patient can be admitted more than once in the period - they will be counted for each admission separately.



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

Year	Admissions
Oct-14	317
Oct-15	360
Oct-16	510
Oct-17	377
Oct-18	512
Oct-19	453

### **Request set two**

- 1. The number of patients who were hospitalised due to non-Covid respiratory illness including influenza, pneumonia and pleurisy during the 'firebreak' lockdown period 23 October 2020 – 8 November 2020.**

Please see set 1 question 1.

### **Request set three**

- 1. The number of medical staff working in intensive care and any other units that treat Covid patients who were prevented from working due to testing positive for Covid (i.e., PCR tests) during the 'firebreak' lockdown period 23 October 2020 – 8 November 2020.**

Due to the way our staffing systems update and some payroll processes, there is an approximately 6 week delay in the data we can provide to answer this question. As the time period you have requested ends less than 6 weeks in the past, this information is not yet available.

- 2. The number of medical staff in intensive care and any other units which treat Covid patients who were prevented from working due to displaying symptoms of Covid (i.e., mild and worse) during the 'firebreak' lockdown period 23 October 2020 – 8 November 2020.**

Please see set 3 question 1.

Although this information is not yet available in full, you are welcome to resubmit this request on or after the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 when the information for the remainder of your request will be updated in our systems.

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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