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Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Your request sought information relating to hospital acquired cases of COVID-19.

Swansea Bay University Health Board take the prevention and control of hospital-transmitted infection extremely seriously. We always take all appropriate steps to manage this in a swift and efficient manner.

Please note that it is not possible to break these down by hospital as many of these patients had more than one hospital episode during their SBUHB admission and therefore accurate attribution to one particular hospital is not possible.

The information below covers the period 01.03.20 to 11.01.21.

**I write regarding hospital acquired infections during the COVID-19 pandemic and would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information:**

**1. The number of hospital acquired COVID-19 infections broken down by hospital since March 2020.**

Please note that the figures we have provided include both "probable" and "definite" hospital-acquired cases of COVID-19. "Probable" hospital-acquired infection is defined as a positive test result 8-14 days after admission to one of our hospitals. "Definite" hospital-acquired infection is defined as a positive test result 15 or more days after admission to one of our hospitals.



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There have been 830 “probable” or “definite” hospital acquired COVID-19 infections within the given timeframe in Swansea Bay University Health Board.

**2. The number of patients who died as a result of hospital-acquired COVID-19 infections since March 2020, broken down by hospital.**

There have been 177 patients who have died where hospital acquired COVID-19 infection was a contributory cause of death within the given timeframe in one of Swansea Bay University Health Board’s hospitals.

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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