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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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Corporate Services
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Dear ,

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 1st December 2020. Your request sought information relating to COVID-19 and respiratory deaths.

You clarified on 15th December 2020 that you were only looking for information relating to deaths in our hospitals.

1. How many people within the hospitals covered by you have died of COVID-19 between January 1st 2020 and October 31st 2020?

Between these dates, a total of 233 patients died in our hospitals within 28 days of a positive COVID-19 result.

2. How many people died of all other respiratory diseases, including influenza and pneumonia during the same period?

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. 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>



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3. How many people died of all respiratory diseases, including influenza and pneumonia between January 1st and October 31st 2019?

Please see question 2.

4. How many people died of all respiratory diseases, including influenza and pneumonia between January 1st and October 31st 2018?

Please see question 2.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at 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), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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