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Corporate Services
Headquarters
1 Talbot Gateway
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Dear ██████████

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 2nd February 2021. Your request sought information relating to COVID-19 deaths.

Please send me information on the total number of COVID-19 deaths from 2019 to 2021. The specific request follows:

You clarified on 8th February 2021 that by "underlying conditions" you mean the person had another condition or illness (for example liver disease, any respiratory issues, cancer, Crohn's disease) at the time they caught COVID-19.

1. Under 60 years of age

a. How many people have died as a direct result of COVID-19 with no underlying issues?

I can confirm that Swansea Bay University Health Board does not hold this information.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) provide us with data relating to COVID deaths where COVID-19 is mentioned anywhere on the death certificate, including as a contributing factor. We are not able to split this data further in order to exclude contributing factors to death and provide COVID-19 only deaths, therefore we recommend that you contact the ONS, who may be able to provide this breakdown for you on foi.team@ons.gov.uk.

b. How many people have died as a direct result of COVID-19 with underlying issues?

This information is not held centrally. To obtain the information on underlying conditions for each individual that died would involve a manual trawl and search of patient records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18



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hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

2. Over 60 years of age

a. How many people have died as a direct result of COVID-19 with no underlying issues?

Please see question 1.

b. How many people have died as a direct result of COVID-19 with underlying issues?

Please see question 1.

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



Pam Wenger
Director of Corporate Governance

