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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 15th March 2021. Your request sought information relating to deaths and intensive care numbers.

1) The number of deaths registered at Singleton and Morriston Hospitals from pneumonia from December 2019 - February 2020 (inclusive of December and February) and between December 2020-February 2021 (inclusive of December and February).

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 pneumonia related deaths;
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/deathsduetocovid19comparedwithdeathsfrominfluenzaandpneumonia>

2) The number of Intensive Care beds available at each Hospital in January 2019, January 2020. January 2021.

Please note that we have only included our Intensive Care beds – this does not include our High Dependency Units or speciality specific Critical Care Units such as Cardiac or Burns.

Our Enfys unit was opened in November 2020 to provide additional ITU capacity for up to 43 patients if required due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Between 1st and



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21st January 2021, this was utilised to support with the surge in COVID cases and a total of 39 ITU beds were open and staffed during this time (a combination of our general ITU and Enfys ITU beds). From 22nd January 2021 this reduced back to 28 open beds.

ITU beds	Jan-19	Jan-20	Jan-21
Morrison	28	28	28
Singleton	0	0	0

3) The level of full capacity of the intensive care beds (how many beds were full in January 2019, January 2020 and January 2021).

ITU beds	Jan-19	Jan-20	Jan-21
Morrison	93.68%	93.40%	73.39%
Singleton	N/A	N/A	N/A

4) The number of people who died directly of 'Covid-19' between January 2020 and December 2020 (inclusive of both months.).

You clarified on 9th April 2021 that you are referring to people who died of COVID-19 with no other contributing factors.

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, therefore we recommend that you contact the ONS, who may be able to provide this breakdown for you on foi.team@ons.gov.uk.

5) The number of people who died directly of 'Covid-19' in January 2021-February 2021.

You clarified on 9th April 2021 that you are referring to people who died of COVID-19 with no other contributing factors.

Please see question 4.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



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