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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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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 13th May 2021. Your request sought information relating to deaths from COVID-19.

I want to request an accurate data of Covid deaths and who died from it and who died with it.

You clarified on 13th May 2021 that you would like to request the information from the beginning of the pandemic to the most recent date available. You further clarified on 14th May 2021 that you would like the information separated into the categories of;

- Deaths of patients who were positive with COVID-19 at the time of their death but could be from any cause.
- Deaths of patients who died from COVID-19 only with no other factors involved
- Deaths of patients with underlying health conditions
- Deaths of patients without underlying health conditions

Deaths of patients who were positive with COVID-19 at the time of their death but could be from any cause.

I can confirm that the information you are seeking in relation to number of COVID positive deaths is publically available. Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (information accessible by other means), we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. May I therefore recommend that you look at this link:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>



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Deaths of patients who died from COVID-19 only with no other factors involved

I can confirm that the information you are seeking is held on our Disclosure Log on our website. Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (information accessible by other means), we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. May I therefore recommend that you look at this link to our disclosure log, which contains details of where you can obtain the information you require:

<https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/files/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log-2020/december/20-I-030-deaths-from-covid-with-no-other-factors-1/>

Deaths of patients with underlying health conditions Deaths of patients without underlying health conditions

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 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.

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

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information policy, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request please contact me directly at the address below or register your complaint via FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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
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