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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Your request sought information relating to deaths from COVID-19.

**You requested information for the period: 1 January 2021 - 31 August 2021.**

**1. How many adults are unvaccinated?**

This information is not held. The Health Board only holds information in relation to the number of people who have been vaccinated. The Health Board could only estimate the population left to vaccinate, as this is based on cohorts of patients by GP practice, and may not account for students who have moved into the area, temporary residents, etc

**2. How many adults died of Covid not within 28 days of a Covid test? You clarified on the 30<sup>th</sup> September that you were referring to adults that died of Covid, whether or not they had a test.**

I can confirm that this information would be held by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) for the Swansea Bay Health Board area. Public Health Wales records deaths within 28 days of a positive laboratory confirmed test, whilst the ONS office records information differently and is based on the cause of death reported on the death certificate, thereby not restricted to only deaths that showed a positive Covid-19 test.  
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/search?q=covid-19+deaths+swansea>

**3. How many adults contracted Covid whilst in hospital and subsequently died? You clarified on the 30<sup>th</sup> September that you are referring to how many**



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**patients who contracted Covid in hospital actually died from Covid whilst they were in hospital.**

I can confirm that the Health Board does hold data for all deaths with COVID-19 anywhere on a death certificate (also occurring outside of 28-days of a positive COVID-19 test) which have occurred in our hospitals and is broken down by onset type. However, the Health Board is currently reviewing hospital acquired COVID-19 infections in line with the NHS Wales National Framework for the Management of Patient Safety Incidents following Nosocomial Transmission of Covid-19.

Therefore, the information is subject to change pending the results from the review and as a result I am unable to comply with your request. This is in line with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act which states that information is exempt if it is intended that the information held by the public authority will be published at a future date following the review.

**4. How many adults died of other causes?**

The total number of hospital deaths recorded during this period was 1416.

**5. How many hospitalised adults recovered from Covid?**

The number of patients (18+) who were admitted due to Covid, and went on to be discharged (excluding transfers) between 01/01/21 and 31/09/21 inclusive was 491. However, please note this does not necessarily mean, they recovered from Covid only that they were discharged from hospital. This will not account for those patients suffering from long Covid etc.

**6. What is the average age of an adult dying from Covid?**

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 the Office of National Statistics which contains this information:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/aboutus/transparencyandgovernance/freedomofinformationfoi/averageageofthosewhohaddiedwithcovid19>

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).

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](mailto: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), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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