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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 11th January 2022. Your request sought information relating to Covid-19.

Swansea Bay University Health Board take the prevention and control of hospital-transmitted infection extremely seriously. We always take all appropriate steps to manage this in a swift and efficient manner.

It is important to advise you that 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. As well as this, there may be a delay in death certificate data being updated. Therefore, the figures provided are subject to change.

Please note that the information we have provided covers the period 16.03.2020 to 16.01.2022.

1. Please provide (as per your latest data) the number of people who have died of Covid-19 (using the ONS Covid-19 death definition - Covid-19 is mentioned on the death certificate) after probably or definitely catching Covid-19 in one of the health board's hospitals (patient was defined as probable or definite hospital-onset Covid-19).

We define "Probable Hospital Associated Covid" as a positive specimen date 8-14 days after admission.



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“Definite Healthcare Acquired Covid” is defined as a positive specimen date 15 or more days after admission.

As at 16th January 2022, there were;

183 deaths of patients from a case of ‘definite’ hospital acquired COVID-19 (where COVID-19 is mentioned on the death certificate).

137 deaths of patients from a case of ‘probable’ hospital acquired COVID-19 (where COVID-19 is mentioned on the death certificate).

2. Please provide a breakdown of the deaths per hospital.

| Hospital | “Definite” or “Probable” HAI COVID Deaths |
|-------------------|--|
| Morrison | 196 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 59 |
| Singleton | 65 |

3. Please disclose any analysis the health board has conducted of nosocomial Covid transmission at its hospitals. You clarified on 25th January 2022, that where you said analysis, you are referring to learning points/lessons learned, any ‘big picture analysis or conclusions the Health Board has reached.

As you may be aware, NHS Wales has developed and published a unique national framework in relation to patient safety incidents of hospital acquired Covid-19. The framework sets out the actions health boards should take in response to cases of hospital-acquired Covid-19 in relation to incident reporting, investigation and associated communications. The details within this document can be found here:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/documents/20211104%20-%20NHS%20Wales%20national%20framework%20%E2%80%93%20Management%20of%20patient%20safety%20incidents%20following%20nosocomial%20transmission%20of%20COVID-19.pdf>

I can confirm that Swansea Bay Health Board are currently in the process of reviewing the hospital acquired COVID-19 infections, in line with this Framework and on completion of the review, the report will be published on the Health Board’s website. Therefore, in line with Section 22 of the FOIA which states that information is exempt if it is intended to be published at a later date, this information is withheld.

However I can let you know that the most recent update on the review of Nosocomial COVID-19 Infections and other COVID-19 related matters was presented at the Health Boards Quality & Safety Committee in July 2021. For ease of reference, here is the link to the report:

<https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/about-us/key-documents-folder/health-and-safety-committee/health-and-safety-committee-july-2021/2-3-covid-19-health-amp-safety-issues-pdf/>

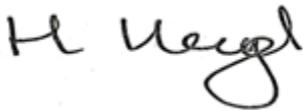


I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



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