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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-I-029**

You asked:

1. What policies are in place in regards to staff wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on your hospital sites?

PPE policy for all clinical areas is outlined in the All Wales National Infection Prevention & Control Manual NIPCM (Standard Infection Control Precautions & Transmission Based Precautions). You can find these here -

<https://phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/harp/infection-prevention-and-control/nipcm/>

On the Public Health Wales site, there is guidance for specific diseases, including Coronavirus guidance, which can be found here -

<https://phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/harp/infection-prevention-and-control/guidance/infection-prevention-and-control-measures-for-sars-cov-2-covid-19-in-health-and-care-settings-wales/>

2. What policies are in place in regards to staff wearing PPE in your A&E department in Morriston Hospital?

Please see question 1

3. What policies are in place in regards to staff wearing PPE when there are covid positive patients on the ward?

PPE guidance when caring for Covid-positive patients throughout the pandemic has been as outlined as per National Guidance provided by Welsh Government.

4. Can I have a breakdown for each department in Morriston Hospital for the following;

a. Between the 15th of April 2022 and the 15th of September 2022, how much money was spent on PPE, and what PPE was bought?

I can confirm that this information is not held centrally. Stock is ordered departmentally based on individual demand.



b. During the same period as above, how many covid positive cases have been discovered and/or cared for? Between the 15th of April 2022 and the 15th of September 2022

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Hospital Onset - Definite Healthcare Acquired Covid	Positive specimen date 15 or more days after admission

Admissions by onset type	Total
Community Onset	63
Hospital Onset - Healthcare Acquired Covid	159
Hospital Onset - Indeterminate Hospital Associated Covid	111
Hospital Onset - Probable Hospital Associated Covid	98
Non Hospital Onset	193
Grand Total	624



c. During the same period as above, how many covid positive patients have arrived at Morriston Hospital in an Ambulance?

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Admissions by onset type - via ambulance	Total
Community Onset	17
Hospital Onset - Healthcare Acquired Covid	86
Hospital Onset - Indeterminate Hospital Associated Covid	41
Hospital Onset - Probable Hospital Associated Covid	47
Non Hospital Onset	41
Grand Total	232

5. How much of the PPE during the same period as above has been recycled?



PPE waste would have been managed in accordance with relevant national guidance, which can be found here -

<https://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/specialist-estates-services/specialist-estates-services-documents/ses-covid-19-docs/covid-19-waste-management-standard-operating-procedure-version-2>

