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Corporate Services
Headquarters
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Dear

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 10th July 2020. Your request sought information relating to discharges to care homes.

You clarified on 20th July 2020 that you only required information for patients discharged into care homes between 01.02.20 and 30.06.20.

We have followed Welsh Government guidance throughout the course of the pandemic. Guidance issued by Welsh Government on 8th April 2020 required us to notify care homes of the results of any patients who had previously had a test for COVID-19 either at the time of transfer from hospital to a care home, or in a 'timely manner' thereafter. This guidance did not set out that negative tests were required prior to transfer or admission into a residential care bed.

During the pandemic, we have adjusted our discharge processes to ensure that we were able to support the discharge of patients out of hospital beds to free up acute care capacity to support the pandemic and to also safeguard vulnerable patients from contracting COVID-19 whilst in hospital.

On 22nd April, a letter was received from Welsh Government requesting that all patients being discharged from hospital to a step down or care home setting be tested regardless of whether or not they were admitted to hospital with COVID-19.

The Health Board has complied with these requirements.

Please note that some patients may be admitted to hospital more than once,



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therefore they will be counted separately for each occasion they are discharged. The figures also include patients admitted initially from a care home and returned there on discharge.

1. Could you please confirm how many patients were discharge to the care of Neath Port Talbot Council?

Period	No of Discharges
01.02.20 to 30.06.20	159

2. Are you aware of which Care Homes these patients were sent to?

You clarified on 18th August 2020 that you would like a breakdown of the care homes that patients were discharged to.

Nursing Home	Number of discharges
Baglan Lodge Care Home	<5*
Bevans House	<5*
Brynsiriol Care Home	<5*
Cefn Lodge Care Home	9
Cwm Cartref Care Home	7
Cwrt-Clwydi-Gwyn Care Home	5
Dan Y Bryn	8
Glangarnant Care Home	8
Gnoll Nursing Home	<5*
Hollins Wood Nursing Home	25
Llys Y Seren	6
Maes Y Bryn Residential Care Home	<5*
Mayflower Care Home	12
Neuadd Drymmau Care Home	6
Old Vicarage Nursing Home	10
Park Avenue/Ty Bradwen	<5*
Park View Care Home	<5*
Plas Bryn Rhosyn	<5*
Plas Cwm Carw Care Home	<5*
Swn-y-Mor Care Centre	19
Talbot Court Care Home	6
Tan Yr Allt Lodge Ltd	6
The Willows, Cedar House	5
Trem-y-glyn Residential Care Home	<5*



Ty Nant Care Home	<5*
Woodside House Nursing & Residential Home	5

3. Please could you also confirm if these patients had been tested for Covid-19 prior to leaving hospital or were they tested on arrival at the care home?

Please note that we do not hold data on tests carried out in care homes. The numbers below only reflect tests carried out in our hospitals.

Discharge Period	No of Tests
01.02.20 to 30.06.20	63

*Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

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

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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



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