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Dear

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 7th May 2020. Your request sought information relating to mental health patients and COVID-19.

You clarified on 18th June 2020 that you only wanted information in reference to Mental Health patients, excluding dementia patients.

Please note that this data is correct as of 1st June 2020.

1. Within the in-patient facilities that fall under your remit, how many patients have contracted coronavirus and/or are suspected to have contracted coronavirus?

4 patients confirmed
25 patients suspected

- Of that number, how many have died?

0 patients have died

- Please also provide me with a rough figure of the total number of in-patients your facilities support.

Swansea Bay has 367 Mental Health and Learning Disability beds.

- Please also provide dates of patients' deaths.



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Not applicable.

- 2. Since 1 March, what policies/procedures have your in-patient facilities put in place to deal with coronavirus? Please provide dates of enactment. *Such policies/procedures might include (but are not limited to): asking providers to release patients early where possible; cancelling leave for in-patients; suspending advocacy services; stopping legal hearings; preventing patient readmissions; separating patients (whether through segregation or other forms).***

- **In situations where patients were released early, please, if possible, provide a total number.**
- **I understand that some policies may have been enacted and then retracted, therefore please provide dates for when they came into effect and were undone.**
- **Please also provide documentation, where possible, for the relevant policies/procedures.**

As of Tuesday 24th March 2020, all leave & visiting was cancelled in line with the national lockdown imposed by Central Government. Facility was made for patients to maintain the ability to undertake one period of exercise per day and where there were restrictions on an individual's liberty. We implemented a local policy to manage leave for particularly vulnerable people within our inpatient sectors (please see attached Appendix.)

- 3. Since 1 March, what guidance have you received from NHS Wales, Public Health Wales, the Welsh Government and/or the UK's Department of Health and Social Care around how to manage coronavirus within in-patient mental health settings? Please provide the documentation you received, be it emails or formal documents, and the dates when you received it.**

The Mental Health unit participated in an All Wales approach via weekly national Skype calls to share best practice in a 'think tank approach'. Out of these meetings the following guidance was shared and developed nationally and accessible via a centralised shared drive.

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/easc/nhswalesmhcc>

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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