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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020. I apologise for the delay in responding. Your request sought information relating to Covid-19.

**1. For the period between 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020, details of the spatial distribution (by local authority ward or MSOA area) of Covid-19 cases reported for the local authority area of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.**

I can confirm that Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold this information by local authority or MSOA area. May I suggest that you contact Public Health Wales who may be able to assist you on [foi.phw@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.phw@wales.nhs.uk)

However, current MSOA statistics are published daily on the Public Health Wales dashboard, which you can find below;

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

**2. For the period between 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020, details of any information on Covid-19 the Swansea Bay University Health Board shared with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Chief Officers, Council Leader and Cabinet Members.**

We can confirm that our main form of communication with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Chief Officers, Council Leader and Cabinet Members is via regular phone calls and informal video conferences. Therefore this information is not recorded.



Pencadlys BIP Bae Abertawe, Un Porthfa Talbot, Port Talbot, SA12 7BR / Swansea Bay UHB Headquarters, One Talbot Gateway, Port Talbot, SA12 7BR

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Please find attached the SBAR (situation, background, assessment, recommendation) reports resulting from our Incident Management Team (IMT) meetings shared with Welsh Government for the period specified (attachments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7, 8, 9, 10, 11). We have also conducted a search of our IM&T systems and have found one email for the period requested from our Director of Strategy to LA leaders (attachment 6). From this email you can see that the Health Board has agreed to send its IMT reports to LA leaders from the 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

In the attachments, there are incidences where there are very small numbers of patients/individuals mentioned. Therefore, to ensure that these individuals cannot be identified, we have quoted less than 5 (<5). We are unable to provide you with the exact number of individuals 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.

**3. For the period between 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020, any correspondence about Covid-19, in particular the number of cases and their spatial distribution throughout Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council area, you received from the following**

- a. Christina Rees MP, Member of Parliament for Neath**
- b. Jeremy Miles MS, Assembly Member for Neath**

**On the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020, you clarified and provided the email addresses of the above, in order for us to search our systems.**

A search of our IM&T systems returned a total of five emails received from the individuals named above. Four of these emails were invites to a Zoom meeting and one was regarding a pay rise for staff. Therefore none of these emails relate to the number of Covid-19 cases or their spatial distribution.

**4. A copy of any formal agreement (connected with the sharing of detailed data on public health cases, such as Covid-19) between Swansea Bay University Health Board and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council**

Please see attached – Appendix A.

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).

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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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