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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. Your request sought information relating to inpatient testing policies.

**Please could I have a copy of Swansea Bay Health Board's inpatient Covid testing policy that was in place on 31 December 2020?**

At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, Swansea Bay University Health Board did not have a specific inpatient COVID-19 testing policy in place.

In December 2020 SBUHB were following the NICE COVID-19 rapid guidelines: 'Arranging planned care in hospitals and diagnostics services' (attachment 1) published 27 July 2020, "which advises a SARS-CoV-2 test for all routine admissions requiring anaesthesia with decision to admit resting upon having the results available," as reiterated in this 29 September 2020 letter from the Chief Nursing Officer and the Deputy Chief Medical Officer (attachment 2).

We were also following the guidance in 'A Principles Framework to assist the NHS in Wales to return urgent and planned services in hospital settings during COVID-19,' (attachment 3) published 2 June 2020, which covers both Emergency and Elective Admissions on page 6, also reiterated in the letter of 29 September 2020.

As of May 2021 SBUHB have followed our own COVID-19 inpatient testing Standard Operating Procedure (attachment 4).

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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Yours sincerely



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