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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 workforce testing.

**On 4.12.20 the Welsh Government announced that routine Covid-19 testing of asymptomatic frontline health staff would begin later that month.**

- 1. On what date did regular testing of asymptomatic staff working at the Morrison Hospital begin?**
  - a. In week one of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?**
  - b. In week two of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?**
  - c. In week three of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?**
  - d. In week four of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?**
  - e. In week five of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?**
  - f. In week six of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?**
  - g. In week seven of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?**
  - h. In week eight of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?**



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- i. In week nine of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?**
- j. In week ten of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?**
- k. In week eleven of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?**
- l. In week twelve of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?**

To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**2. On what date did regular testing of asymptomatic staff working at Singleton Hospital begin?**

- a. In week one of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?**
- b. In week two of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?**
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- l. In week twelve of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?**

Please see question 1.

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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