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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Your request sought information relating to COVID-19.

Please note that we have provided the information for the period 01.03.20 to 31.05.21 – the most recent complete data available.

**I am writing, under the Freedom of Information Act, to request the following, by hospital, for your Health Board, for 1 March 2020 to date:**

**1. Total number of deaths (for any reason)**

In the time period specified, there were 2787 deaths in one of our hospitals for any reason (including COVID-19).

**2. Total number of patients admitted because of Covid 19**

You clarified on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 that you were looking for the number of patients where COVID-19 was the primary admission code is "COVID-19".

Please note that we have provided information for patients with a primary admission code of either "U071 – lab confirmed COVID-19" or "U072 – clinical diagnosis, *not* lab confirmed COVID-19".

A total of 1524 patients were admitted in the time period specified with their primary admission code being either U071 or U072.



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**3. Total number of deaths where Covid 19 was proven to be the only cause**

I can confirm that Swansea Bay University Health Board does not hold this information.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) provide us with data relating to COVID deaths where COVID-19 is mentioned anywhere on the death certificate, including as a contributing factor. We are not able to split this data further in order to exclude contributing factors to death, therefore we recommend that you contact the ONS, who may be able to provide this breakdown for you on [foi.team@ons.gov.uk](mailto:foi.team@ons.gov.uk).

**4. Total number of deaths with no co-morbidities where Covid was proven to be a contributing cause**

I can confirm that this information is not held centrally. To obtain the information on underlying conditions/comorbidities for each individual that died would involve a manual trawl and search of patient 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 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.

However, 665 patients died in one of our hospitals where COVID-19 was listed on the death certificate *either* as the cause of death or a contributing factor. Please note that these patients are also included in the figure for question 1.

**5. Total number of deaths with co-morbidities where Covid was proven to be a contributing cause**

Please see question 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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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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