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Swansea Bay University  
Health Board

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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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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Your request sought information relating to hospital acquired cases of COVID-19.

Swansea Bay University Health Board take the prevention and control of hospital-transmitted infection extremely seriously. We always take all appropriate steps to manage this in a swift and efficient manner.

**You requested the number of deaths within our Health Board area involving Covid-19 which was attributed to (i) definite hospital onset (ii) indeterminate hospital onset and (iii) probable hospital onset; between 1st January 2020 and May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.**

You clarified on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 that you are looking for information on deaths where COVID-19 is in any position on the death certificate.

Information on deaths in the Health Board area as a whole can be obtained via Public Health Wales:

[https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection/viz/Rapid\\_COVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary](https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection/viz/Rapid_COVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary). The Local Authority may also hold whole-area data via the Registrar for Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Should you obtain data from these sources, please be aware in making comparisons with the data provided below that it is reported in terms of deaths occurring within 28 days of a positive COVID-19 test.



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Provided below is data for all deaths with COVID-19 anywhere on a death certificate (also occurring outside of 28-days of a positive COVID-19 test). This relates only to deaths which have occurred in Swansea Bay University Health Board hospitals and is broken down by onset type.

**It is important to note however, the Health Board is currently reviewing hospital acquired COVID-19 infections in line with the NHS Wales National Framework for the Management of Patient Safety Incidents following Nosocomial Transmission of Covid-19. Therefore, the information provided below is subject to change pending the results from the review.**

<b>Onset type</b>	<b>COVID-19 mentioned on Medical Certificate of Cause of Death in any position</b>
Hospital Onset - Healthcare Acquired Covid	209
Hospital Onset - Indeterminate Hospital Associated Covid	92
Hospital Onset - Probable Hospital Associated Covid	142
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>443</b>

Please note that these figures are recorded in line with date of death occurring, not date of registration of death.

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).

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information policy, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain 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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