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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Atebir gohebiaeth Gymraeg yn y Gymraeg, ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

## **Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request** **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-H-026**

**You asked, in response to our letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> August, further questions:**

- 1. Regarding Q3 (in the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 how many people have died of covid in your health board area), other Health Boards seem to be able to provide this information. I have asked that responses are not made by referral to The Office of National Statistics records as it is very difficult to obtain information such as this. If you cannot provide or supply the information, please can you direct me to an exact location in a document where this is clearly stated?**

As previously stated, this is ONS information and therefore under FOIA this is data that ONS hold. It is not information that the Health Board holds or records within the remits of FOIA.

The ONS FOIA team should be able to assist you in providing the information you require or alternatively contact Sarah Caul at ONS: [health.data@ons.gov.uk](mailto:health.data@ons.gov.uk), who will be able to guide you through the process, in obtaining the information you require. Sarah's telephone number is: 01633 456490.

- 2. Why is the Health Board currently reviewing Hospital acquired Covid19 infections?**

The Welsh Government has requested that all health boards review cases in which patients contracted COVID-19 in healthcare settings.

Details of the review can be found on our website:

<https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/coronavirus-covid-19/information/nosocomial-covid-19-reviews/>

- 3. You mention the NHS National Framework. Can you explain how this affects the current recorded Swansea Bay UHB information?**

The National Framework ensures a consistent national approach towards the content, monitoring and reporting of investigations following patient safety incidents of nosocomial COVID-19. During this investigation the information the Health Board currently holds may or may not change. Therefore, at present, we need to highlight this when responding to requests for information.



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**4. Does this act retrospectively and from what date?**

Yes, from the earliest known case of COVID-19 which was acquired in a healthcare setting. There is no retrospective limit on the earliest date from which investigations are taking place.

**5. Please can you give me an assurance, as far as Swansea Bay UHB is concerned, that there is no attempt to reduce recorded figures for hospital acquired, probable and definite, Covid -19 death records?**

I can confirm that any changes to recorded figures would be based on investigation findings and evidenced accordingly.

**6. You may not be aware that I am severely sight impaired and whilst I can type I have to print off emails to read them using vision aids. I can assure you that reading through reams of Government literature is an impossibility. Is there an obligation under Disability Discrimination Legislation to assist?**

I can confirm that the Disability Discrimination legislation was replaced with the Equality Act 2010 in England, Wales and Scotland.

Public sector bodies are required to make their website accessible. Which means we have to provide our information in the public domain in an accessible format. Also within the remit of FOIA we have a duty to advise and assist.

Please contact us if you are having trouble with any of the documentation provided to you.

