

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_375_20

You asked:

To answer these questions the data sources used were

- The Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS)
- The NWIS Data Warehouse view of the Welsh Laboratory Information Management System (WLIMS) Covid-19 pathology tests.
- The CTMUHB Electronic Staff Record (ESR) system.

1. Please would you be able to tell me how many staff employed by Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board have tested positive for Covid-19 since March 23, 2020.

2552 Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Staff members have had a positive Covid-19 test since the 23rd March 2020.

2. Can you also tell me how many have been tested in total and how many have tested negative.

9411 Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Staff members have had a negative Covid-19 test since the 23rd March 2020..

10306 Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Staff members have been tested overall since the 23rd March 2020.

3. Please could you tell me how many members of staff have needed intensive care due to Covid-19?

I am unable to answer this specific question. The Health Board holds data that would inform us of Staff admitted to ICU areas, however whether this was as a result of Covid-19 or not cannot be determined from the available data.

4. And how many died in the same period?

I can confirm that the Health Board does hold this information. However, to release the specific information in the way that you have requested would mean disclosure of low numbers.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain.

In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, less than 5 staff have died due to Covid-19.