

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_159\_21**

### **You asked:**

How many suicides have there been since 2019 to 2020?

### **Our response:**

Since 2019 to 2020 (01/01/2019 – 31/12/2019), there have been 39 suicides for Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board residents only.

Please note, the source of the data used for this response is the Office of National Statistics (ONS) data Registered Deaths, supplied to us via NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS). As such, there will be a time lag on the reporting of deaths, as ONS data awaits the official clinical determination of death.

\* Where coding systems are used in a clinical environment, suicide is not a recorded method of death in the data coded and does not cover that element. You will only find the cause recorded as a primary diagnosis via clinical coding if that is subsequently the main condition being treated during that admission.

As a result of this we have used the ONS data, as these patients are recoded with the coroner code for known method of death – That comes under codes for Suicide, self-harm with method, with intent to end life. This also includes use of drugs and alcohol.