Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_08_20

You asked:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please send me information on the total number of COVID19 deaths from 2019 to 2021.

We sought clarification, which was provided on the 8 January 2021:

- You've requested the total number of COVID19 deaths from 2019 to 2021 from 01/01/19 to 8/01/21

- You also asked for us to provide either hospital deaths or Cwm Taf Morgannwg resident's deaths as a grand total?

Under 60 years of age:

1. **How many people have died as a direct result of COVID19 with no underlying issues?**

   5 - Hospital Deaths

2. **How many people have died as a direct result of COVID19 with underlying issues?**

   40- Hospital Deaths

Over 60 years of age

3. **How many people have died as a direct result of COVID19 with no underlying issues?**

   55 - Hospital Deaths

4. **How many people have died as a direct result of COVID19 with underlying issues?**

   587 - Hospital Deaths

The data provided above is for the date period 01/01/2019 – 08/01/2021

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.

With regards to questions 1 and 3, this is the only source of data that we have to be able to determine whether somebody died directly of Covid-19 without any co-morbidities (the figures most commonly cited in the media are the deaths within 28 days of a positive pathology test which is a different metric taken from the Welsh Patient Administrative System (WPAS) /Office of National Statistics (ONS) / Master Patient Index (MPI) systems and combined with Welsh Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) data. MPI is the Master Patient Index.

It is a national system used to help multiple national and local systems update their demographics with changes from other systems. (E.g. if a death is recorded in one Health Board's WPAS system then another can be automatically updated with that change). Please note that our WPAS doesn't accept these changes automatically like some other Health Boards.