

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_67_22

You asked:

- 1. I would like to know how many people were admitted and died in all hospitals in the Cwm Taf health boards. Individually solely down to Covid 19 Only. Not with covid 19 but from covid 19 being the cause of admission and death from the beginning of 2019 to present. E.g. 'R.C.T., BRIDGEND AND MERTHYR TYDFIL'**

For the date period 01/01/2019 – 28/02/2022, 84 patients were admitted and died in Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board hospitals with Covid 19 only (being the sole cause of death).

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 Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) formerly the 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.
- Patients can belong to another University Health Board (UHB) area.

- 2. I would also like to know separately how many admissions there were from 2019 to present that came into hospital within the Cwm Taf health board without covid 19 and received a positive test for covid 19 while there and later died in hospital. "Again please refer to the E.g in question 1."**

For the date period 01/01/2019 – 28/02/2022, 690 patients were admitted and died in Hospital.

Please note:

- Patients can belong to another UHB area.
- 'Probable Hospital Associated Infections' (PHAI), 'Hospital Associated Infections' (HAI), 'Indeterminate' covid infection status.

- 3. In response to question 2. How many of these patients were given midazolam/end of life drug?**

We can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record this information. The information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record as part of their ongoing care. To provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl and significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

- 4. I would also like to know the usage of midazolam/end of life drug purchased and used each year for each health board in the periods stated in question 1.**

The total issues for midazolam are detailed below. However, details cannot be provided for other end of life drugs as the request is not specific enough.

Year	Total Issues
2019	9,645
2020	13,814
2021	7,089

5. In regards to question 4. If there was an increase in purchase and use for the periods in question, what was the reason why?

There was an increase in issues of midazolam in 2020, this reduced in 2021. The reason is not captured.

6. Can you also please provide me with the information on how these patients who tested positive for covid 19 were diagnosed and if you have as a health board isolated it. If so can you please provide me with the evidence. If not how were they diagnosed as covid positive?

Clarification provided on the 4 March: In clarification to question 6 Have Cwm Taf as a health board isolated the covid 19 virus in a laboratory setting? If not how is it you clarify/diagnose a patient is covid positive? What specific tests are used to confirm a patient it covid positive?

COVID-19 testing takes place in the Health Board laboratory. The laboratory uses a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test. A COVID swab is taken as part of the routine testing program or if a patient develops respiratory symptoms. There is a turnaround time of approximately 24-48 hours and the results are uploaded to the laboratory system.