

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_19_22

You asked:

- 1. I would like to know how many people were admitted and died in all hospitals in the Cwm Taf Morgannwg health board 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.**

For the date period 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2021, 85 patients have died in a Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board hospital, solely from Covid.

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.

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.

There were unfortunately other deaths where COVID-19 was listed as a cause of death, but all of these had other causes of death listed as well and so are not applicable to this element of your response.

- Deaths - solely Covid.
- Hospital deaths.
- Patient may 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 Morgannwg health board without covid 19 and received a positive test for covid 19 while there and later died.**

(Clarification provided 20/01/22 - those who did not end up leaving hospital)

For the date period 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2021, 677 patients died.

Please note:

- Patients with a Hospital Acquired Infection (HAI)/Probable Hospital Acquired Infection (PHAI).
- These numbers are based on the time between the admission date and the first positive test data for covid being greater than 5 days. They are therefore dependent on testing strategies and other clinical factors, such as the time to the patient showing symptoms. They also included patients who receive home leave as part of their package of care.
- Patients may belong to another UHB area.
- Hospital Deaths.
- Data for 2019 onwards admissions.