

## Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_377\_22

### You asked:

Please can you provide the following information for the CTMUHB for the Welsh Government Nosocomial investigation:

1. Number of nosocomial investigations completed to date
2. Date the nosocomial investigations were completed
3. Number of cases downgraded
4. Definition of downgraded
5. Number of cases recategorised
6. Definition of recategorised
7. Has the next of kin/key contact been advised of the outcome in cases?
8. Number of nosocomial investigations in progress
9. Has the next of kin/key contact been advised the nosocomial investigation is in progress?
10. Number of nosocomial investigations not yet started?

### Our response:

This data is correct as of 30 September 2022. For information on completed investigations is freely available in our published [Quality and Safety Committee papers](#), which are available on the Health Boards [website](#). For any future FOI requests on this subject, we would kindly request that these papers are accessed prior to submitting an FOI request.

#### **1. Number of nosocomial investigations completed to date**

144 investigations have been completed to date.

#### **2. Date the nosocomial investigations were completed**

Investigations completed are assigned to the following months:

- July 2022 – 1 case complete
- August 2022 – 41 cases complete
- September 2022 – 103 cases complete

#### **3. Number of cases downgraded**

0 cases have been downgraded.

#### **4. Definition of downgraded**

The definition of the 'downgraded' category relates to the surveillance definitions, which are outlined in the *NHS Wales National Framework – Management of patient safety incidents following nosocomial transmission of COVID-19*.

Downgraded definition - where following assessment it is determined that the infection is not healthcare acquired and therefore not within scope of the National Framework.

## **5. Number of cases recategorised**

1 case has been recategorised.

## **6. Definition of recategorised**

The definition of the 'recategorised' category relates to the surveillance definitions, which are outlined in the National Framework.

Recategorised definition – where an initial investigation has been conducted utilising the surveillance definitions within the framework and deemed not to meet the scope for inclusion in the programme of work. An example of this would be where it was initially suspected that a patient had an indeterminate infection but following an investigation, it was concluded that in all probability the acquisition was community acquired.

## **7. Has the next of kin/key contact been advised of the outcome in cases?**

In keeping with the National Framework, patients, their appointed power of attorney or their appropriate personal representative have been contacted for all cases where it is believed that an incident of healthcare associated infection may have resulted in Moderate harm or above.

## **8. Number of nosocomial investigations in progress**

861 investigations have been started.

## **9. Has the next of kin/key contact been advised the nosocomial investigation is in progress?**

In keeping with the National Framework, patients, their appointed power of attorney or their appropriate personal representative will be contacted for all cases where it is believed that an incident of healthcare associated infection may have resulted in Moderate harm or above.

## **10. Number of nosocomial investigations not yet started?**

2824 investigations have yet to be started.