

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_54\_23**

### **You asked:**

Who makes the decisions to put people on ventilators?

I am particularly interested in people having breathing problems associated with COVID-19.

### **Our response:**

There are two types of ventilators – ‘invasive’, where the patient then must be cared for in the Critical Care Unit and therefore, the Duty Intensivist makes the final decision whether this form of ventilation takes place.

The other form is ‘non-invasive ventilation’. This was and remains a common form of ventilation in both covid and non-covid patients and can occur on a respiratory ward under the care of a Respiratory Physician with no critical care involvement.