

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_96_23

You asked:

Would it be possible to have the number of staff who had been working on the COVID-positive wards in the Royal Glamorgan Hospital who were either awaiting a COVID test due to displaying symptoms or had tested positive for COVID on the following dates;

- W/C 6th April 2020 to 12th April 2020
- W/C 13th April 2020 to 19th April 2020

Our response:

The Health Board are unable to identify the COVID-19 positive wards in the Royal Glamorgan Hospital (RGH), as this information is not stored on the Electronic Staff Record (ESR).

Therefore, using available ESR data, set out below are the number of staff who had been working on a RGH ward and had been recorded as being absent due to COVID-19, on the dates requested. However, please note line managers were responsible for classifying the absences as sickness or special leave (see footnote below).

The following COVID-19 absence data relates to all Health Board employees working in all RGH wards, absence from work on week commencing 6th April 2020 and 13th April 2020

• W/C 6th April 2020 to 12th April 2020

Related Reason	Absence Category	Absence Reason	Headcount
Coronavirus (COVID-19)	Sickness	S15 Chest & respiratory problems	
		S27 Infectious diseases	
	Sickness Total		51
	Special Leave	Infection	
		Infection Precaution	
		Medical Suspension	
Special Leave Total		84	
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Total			135
Total			135

• W/C 13th April 2020 to 19th April 2020

Related Reason	Absence Category	Absence Reason	Headcount
Coronavirus (COVID-19)	Sickness	S15 Chest & respiratory problems	
		S27 Infectious diseases	
	Sickness Total		75
	Special Leave	Infection Precaution	
		Medical Suspension	
Special Leave Total		83	
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Total			158
Total			158

Footnote

***Recording and Reporting Absence related to Coronavirus (COVID-19)
First iteration of how to record COVID issued 18th March 2020***

Sickness

The most appropriate Sickness Reason should be selected based on information provided by the employee

*Absence Type: **Sickness***

*Level 1 Reason: **'S15 Chest and respiratory problems'***

*also enter **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** in the **'Related Reason'** field*

Special Leave

*Absence Type: **'Special Leave'** (Special Increasing Bal)*

Absence Reason:

***'Medical Suspension'** (Fit but Symptomatic, reported to Manager)*

***'Infection Precaution'** (Fit and NOT Symptomatic, e.g. member of the household has symptoms)*

*also enter **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** in the **'Related Reason'** field*