

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_124_23

You asked:

Please provide the requested information for the **Royal Glamorgan Hospital**.

I would like to find out

1. What infection control policy were they following at that time (Dec 20 – Jan 21)?

The guidance that was being followed at that time was the Public Health England, COVID-19: Guidance for the remobilisation of services within health and care settings, Infection prevention and control recommendations.

2. How many patients on ward 12 at RGH contracted Covid from 31st December 2020 to 10th January 2021?

We have been able to identify that there were 12 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 between 31st December 2020 and 10th January 2021 on ward 12. However, these patients may have been infected in the community prior to their stay on ward 12 during this time frame, or they may have been cared for on another ward of the hospital for a period of time before being transferred to ward 12, between 31st December 2020 – 10th January 2021 or even post discharge (see below). It is considered that the incubation period of the infection is around 14 days. Please note that throughout Wales, Health Boards have been using surveillance definitions as follows:

Nosocomial infection classifications

Community acquired infection (CAI): Positive specimen collected on day 1 or 2 of admission, with no admission to a CTMUHB hospital in the previous 14 days;

Indeterminate: Positive specimen collected on days 3 - 7 of admission, inclusive;

Probable healthcare acquired infection (Probable HAI): Positive specimen collected on days 8 - 14 of admission, inclusive;

Definite healthcare acquire infection (HAI): Positive specimen collected from an inpatient >14 days since admission;

Post-discharge infection: Person who had their positive specimen collected in the community/on admission to any hospital AND had been an inpatient of a CTMUHB hospital in the 14 days prior to positive specimen collection. Post-discharge cases are attributed to the last known ward of admission prior to discharge.

3. How many of those patients from that ward also died of covid?

Of the 12 patients known to have tested positive for COVID-19 while on ward 12 between 31st December 2020 and 10th January 2021, 6 of them are known to have died within 28 days of their positive COVID-19 test.