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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_263_24

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act could you please try and answer some questions .

1. Is Glyncoch an area where Silica dust exposure is a real concern?
2. Is Glyncoch a hot spot for associated Silica exposure issues?
3. Have you any means of identifying a hotspot of illnesses and would Silica dust exposure be highlighted?
4. Why have the children of Glyncoch been provided with the TB vaccination and it appears other areas have not.
5. Is there any reason why babies are vaccinated in the Glyncoch area and is this the same for other areas?
6. Has the TB vaccination been given in Glyncoch because of Silica dust exposure?
7. Why has Glyncoch a high TB vaccination programme over a long period.
8. Has there been any exchange of information between governing authorities relating to Glyncoch residents health issues. If so, what information.
9. Is Glyncoch a safe area to reside considering Silica dust exposure due to the quarries activities and ongoing expansion?
10. Are there expected to be more illnesses on Glyncoch as a result of the quarries expansion.
11. Is the life expectancy of Glyncoch residents going to decrease due to the quarries activities?
12. Are there more childhood illnesses and health problems in Glyncoch compared to other similar sized communities
13. Are there more deaths in Glyncoch in relation to respiratory problems compared to other similar communities?
14. Have you highlighted the health issues of the residents of Glyncoch to another public body or a Doctors Surgery?
15. Have you ever been informed of the health issues of the residents of Glyncoch by another public body or Doctors Practice?

16. Are there any cases of Silica exposure being investigated from the Glyncoch area?
17. Has there been any reports prepared for Silica exposure in Civil or Coroners Courts for residents in the Glyncoch area.
18. Are there more ear infections, nose bleeds and sinus problems for the residents of Glyncoch compared to other similar areas.
19. Are the residents of Glyncoch more susceptible to autoimmune disorders due to the exposure to Silica dust?
20. Has there been a rise in the cases of Asthma, COPD, Fibrosis and Cancer over the past decade for residents of Glyncoch.
21. Could you provide us with any copies of paperwork you have regarding Silica exposure to residents in the Glyncoch area.
22. What is the current health ranking of Glyncoch in any statistics you hold?

Our response:

We can confirm that the Health Board does not hold the specific information you have requested.

- The Health Board are not aware of health conditions related to Silica exposure being investigated in the Glyncoch area.
- BCG vaccinations have been given in the Glyncoch area, in response to an historic outbreak of TB which was managed by [Public Health Wales](#) (PHW).

Information about the BCG vaccination can be found here [BCG vaccine for tuberculosis \(TB\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

If further information is required, please contact PHW directly.

- We are not aware of any data suggesting that there is increased ill health in the population of Glyncoch as a result of quarrying activity.
- With regards to questions: 12, 13, 18 and 20

We do not hold this information. The initial diagnosis of a patient can occur at differing levels: GP, outpatient consultation, the result of a diagnostic test, inpatient/daycase admission, as examples. However, we only record diagnoses via clinical coding at the inpatient stage. Therefore, we are unable to provide or compare the specific data requested.