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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_82_25

You asked:

I wish to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding mortuaries at all hospitals within the Health Board.

In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible.

Please could you supply me with the following information which could exist in either paper or electronic form:

1. How many mortuaries are there altogether within the Health Board and where are they?

There are three Mortuaries in CTMUHB these are located in Royal Glamorgan Hospital (RGH) the Primary site for post mortem activity, Prince Charles Hospital (PCH) and Princess of Wales Hospital (POW).

2. What is the maximum body storage capacity at each hospital mortuary within the Health Board?

	Fixed	Contingency
RGH	43	36
PCH	129	11
POW	64	0

3. Under the new system, introduced on 9 September 2024, all deaths not investigated by a coroner are now reviewed independently by a medical examiner before a death certificate is issued.

Since September 2024, have any of the hospital mortuaries within the Health Board been at maximum capacity?

Yes.

3a. Since September 2024, how many bodies have been moved to other hospital mortuaries within the Health Board, due to shortage of body storage at the hospital where the death took place.

Approx. 500

3b. Since September 2024, how many bodies have been moved to other hospital mortuaries within a different Health Board, due to shortage of body storage at the hospital where the death took place.

None.

- 4. Have the Health Board invested in any form of additional body storage for the mortuaries within the hospitals since September 2024? If so, what kind.**

Yes additional Flexmort pop-up 12 space unit.

- 5. On average, since September 2024, what is the longest period a body has been stored at a hospital morgue within the Health Board due to delays with issuing a death certificate.**

4 weeks.

- 5a. How does this compare with the same period in 2023?**

2 weeks.