

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_149_21

You asked:

I would like to request a Freedom of Information in relation to the COVID-19 deaths following the NHS updates published online up to the current date (1 April 2021) for the Princes of Wales Bridgend Hospital. Those updates showing numbers of deaths, but these are deaths within 28 days of a positive covid test. I would like to know how many people have died in your hospital from Covid-19 alone?

Question	Response
1. I would like to know how many people have died in POW hospital from Covid-19 alone? As in they died only due to Covid-19. I can see the figures that you publish online, but these are deaths within 28 days of a positive covid test, so they could have died from other causes. I just want to know the exact figure from 1st February 2020 until 1st April 2021 of people that have died due to Covid-19 and not anything else please.	= 16 - Total died with no underlying conditions.
2. The percentage & number of people with 'underlying health conditions' in the overall total.	= 319 – Total died with underlying conditions = 95.2%
3. The percentage & number of people without 'underlying health conditions' in the overall total.	= 4.8%

Please note the following:

- The data is for date period 01/02/2020 – 01/04/2021
- Responses to questions 1 and 3 - No co-morbidities.
- The deaths occurred within Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board's Princess of Wales Hospital (POW) – Note other health board residents could have also died within the count, as they were admitted to POW rather than their residential health board.
- The source of the data used for this response is the Office of National Statistics (ONS) data Registered Deaths, supplied to us via NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS). As such, there will be a time lag on the reporting of deaths, as ONS data awaits the official clinical determination of death.

This is the only source of data that we have to be able to determine whether somebody died directly of Covid-19 without any co-morbidities (the figures most commonly cited in the media are the deaths within 28 days of a positive pathology test which is a different metric taken from the Welsh Patient Administrative System (WPAS) / Office of National Statistics (ONS) / Master Patient Index (MPI) systems and combined with Welsh Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) data. MPI is the Master Patient Index. It is a national system used to help multiple national and local

systems update their demographics with changes from other systems. (E.g. if a death is recorded in one Health Board's WPAS system then another can be automatically updated with that change). Please note that our WPAS doesn't accept these changes automatically like some other Health Boards.