

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_168_21

You asked:

- 1. Can you tell me how many people have died within your health authority DIRECTLY from COVID19 and not from underlying causes since March 2020?**

For the date period 01/03/2020 – 05/05/2021, there have been 111 Deaths for Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Residents with no co-morbidities.

Please note, 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.

There were unfortunately other deaths where COVID-19 was listed as a cause of death, but all of these had other causes of death listed as well and so are not applicable to this response.

- 2. Can you tell me how many people so far have been hospitalised DIRECTLY due to COVID19 in your health authority since March 2020?**

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- This is for date period 01/03/2020 – 05/05/2021
- Coded in first position
- All Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Hospital admissions (This number also includes admissions of residents from other Health Board areas to our hospitals.)