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You asked:

1. The number of patients admitted to Prince Charles Hospital Merthyr Tydfil between April 2020 and April 2021 with non-COVID related conditions but who acquired COVID 19 whilst in hospital

370 - This figure is for patients admitted to Prince Charles Hospital for the date period 01/04/2020 – 30/04/2021

Please note, we do not clinically code patients on admission – only on discharge. The figure quoted above is the number of admissions where the Covid-19 infection was listed as hospital acquired. By definition, this excludes any admissions where Covid-19 was identified as present at time of admission.

2. The number of patients who having contracted COVID 19 in hospital were certified as having died of/with COVID 19 as the primary cause of death (for the same period April 2020-2021)

290 Patients have a recorded date of death between 01/04/2020 – 30/04/2021. These patients passed away in any location, but had an admission to a Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board hospital with a hospital acquired Covid 19 infection in their timeline.

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.

3. Details of the hospital management policy in relation to arrangements for segregation of patients who have had a sequence of negative test results whilst in hospital prior to acquiring the virus, from newly admitted patients who have either tested positive prior to or on admission and/or those still awaiting test results on admission

All patients admitted to the Health Board are tested for Covid-19 on admission and are managed via a number of coloured pathways, implemented during the second wave of the pandemic and on the advice, and with support of, Public Health Wales (PHW).

On admission patients are admitted to a purple ward and isolated until the results of their Covid-19 test is available. If the test is negative, patients are moved to and are cared for, on an amber ward with other patients admitted through the same pathway. If the result is positive, patients are cared for through a red pathway in a designated ward for the care of Covid-19 positive patients.