

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_249\_21**

### **You asked:**

I am writing to request under the Freedom of Information act to request the following:

- 1. The number of hospital admissions, by hospital, due to adverse reactions from any of the covid-19 vaccinations since the vaccination roll out began to date.**

The Health Board does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required. Due to the way in which admissions information is recorded, we do not have explicit data centrally that would show that the reason for admission to a hospital was due specifically to an adverse reaction from a vaccination. Related terms captured in the free text can be used in multiple different contexts.

As this is not information that the Health Board routinely compiles, we would have to carry out a specific exercise to collate and review this data. From our preliminary assessment, we estimate that to comply with your particular request would exceed the appropriate costs/time limit under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is currently £450/18 hours time. Therefore, we are unable to provide.

- 2. Of those patients, the number who were admitted to the ITU department, by hospital.**

Please see response to question 1.

- 3. The number of deaths, by hospital, of patients who have died in your hospitals following adverse reactions to the covid-19 vaccinations since the roll out began to date.**

This information would not be linked to admissions data. Therefore, the Health Board are able to provide you with the number of hospital deaths of people that happened to have had an adverse reaction to a covid-19 vaccine in their past (no matter the interval between the events). However, this would not confirm the cause of death was due to an adverse reaction to a covid-19 vaccination and we feel that this data would not answer the intent of your question.

If you do wish to receive the information on the number of hospital deaths of people that happened to have had an adverse reaction to a covid-19 vaccine in their past (no matter the interval between the events), please let us know.

In order to comply with our obligation set out in section 16, to provide help and assistance. Death Certificates are issued by the Registry Offices upon registration of the death. Therefore, you may wish to redirect this element of your request to the Local Authorities in the Health Board area, who may be able to assist you with this enquiry.

The relevant email addresses are provided below:

- Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council - [freedomofinformation@rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk)
- Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council - [FOI@merthyr.gov.uk](mailto:FOI@merthyr.gov.uk)
- Bridgend County Borough Council - [foi@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:foi@bridgend.gov.uk)