

You asked:

I am writing to ask for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible.

On 4.12.20 the Welsh Government [announced](#) that routine Covid-19 testing of asymptomatic frontline health staff would begin later that month.

1. On what date did regular testing of asymptomatic staff working at the **Royal Glamorgan Hospital** begin?
2. In week one of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?
3. In week two of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?
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13. In week twelve of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?
14. On what date did regular testing of asymptomatic staff working at the **Princess of Wales Hospital** begin?

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26. In week twelve of the policy coming into force, what percentage of staff who worked at the hospital that week were tested?
27. On what date did regular testing of asymptomatic staff working at **Prince of Wales Hospital** begin?
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Our response:

I can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record this information.

The Health Board is relying upon section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Section 12 provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004 represents the estimated costs of one person spending 18 hours in determining whether the Health Board holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

The information you have requested is not centrally recorded nor is it held in an easily extractable format.

We cannot be sure when testing commenced as the dataset does not distinguish testing reasons sufficiently (a high proportion of nulls where we would expect to see asymptomatic). The issue with the data is the fact that we cannot join it up to our Electronic Staff record (ESR) data adequately well enough to distinguish which Hospital a staff member worked at. The ESR data is often not explicit as to the hospital location that a staff member is primarily based at which would mean that we would have to go through the records manually to check). We therefore estimate that to provide the level of information being sought would exceed the time limit as indicated above. This information would require significant post-processing and additional research to present it in this format.