

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_473_21

You asked:

Can you Under the Freedom of information act let me have:

1. All the Covid alone, hospital death numbers for the past 12 months November 2020 to November 2021

For the date period 01/11/2020 – 31/10/2021 there were 37 hospital deaths in Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTM UHB). The patients had no co-morbidities.

Please note:

- Patients could belong to another University Health Board (UHB) area.
- The source of the data used for this response is the Office of National Statistics (ONS) data Registered Deaths, supplied to us via Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) formerly the 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. And how many people are actually in your hospital to date with Covid19

Clarification provided on the 13/11 stating that you required - How many historically have been admitted.

Historically, 7929 patients have been admitted to Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board hospitals.

Please note:

- Patient could have been admitted more than once.
- Patient may belong to another UHB area.
- Covid – Positive.