

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_503_21

You asked:

- 1. How many people have died from covid19 and covid 19 alone? I have seen that you provide figures for 'died within 28days of a positive test' but that means they could of died from a number of causes. I want to know how many have actually died from covid not other causes.**

117 - for the date period 01/12/2019 – 30/11/2021. Cwm Taf Morgannwg residents (CTM) only.

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 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. Also the number percentage wise that had underlying medical issues in the overall total**

93% - for the date period 01/12/2019 – 30/11/2021. CTM residents only.

- Source ONS subject to delay - as noted above.

- 3. Also the number and percentage of those that died of covid without Underlying medical conditions.**

7% - for the date period 01/12/2019 – 30/11/2021. CTM residents only.

- Source ONS subject to delay - as noted above.