

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-071	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2021

## **1.** What was the total number of deaths linked to COVID 19 inside both hospitals and care homes?

The Health Board reports every death in our hospitals to Public Health Wales (PHW), this includes all causation factors. Public Health Wales will then perform statistical alignment meeting the definition of a COVID death and the patient place of residence as some of the Health Board area residents may die in other hospitals outside of the Aneurin Bevan Health Board responsibility. All Health Board deaths data is reported on the Public Health Wales website and in the Office of National Statistics (ONS) data.

Please refer to PHW website and PHW for further information via the following link below:

https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizh ome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary

## 2. How many deaths linked to COVID 19 also had a DNR notice?

The Health Board can confirm that in order to gather this information we would have to carry out a specific exercise of reviewing the individual's death certificate and their medical record to determine if they had a Do Not Resuscitate notice. We have calculated that in order to comply with your request it would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which is currently £450. As you will be aware this is not an exemption which requires us to consider the application of the public interest test.

Under our obligation to advise and assist, we have also provided website links to the Office of National Statistics (ONS) and Public Health Wales (PHW) where you will be able to access further information on the cause of death by location.

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