

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-002-01	27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
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**Can you tell me why our (myself, my mother and my son) data was collected when we visited the ward on 7 October 2022?**

The Health Board requests that members of the public visiting hospital in-patients declare:

- that they do not have COVID symptoms
- are not awaiting the results of a COVID test
- or that they have not been in contact with anyone who is known or suspected to have COVID
- and they are also asked to comply with the request to wear PPE
- and adhere to basic infection prevention precautions whilst visiting the ward

This request is part of the Health Board's agreed [Hospital Visiting Guidance](#), in light of ongoing community transmission and the vulnerability of the patients being cared for in hospital, the purpose of the request is to reduce the likelihood of visitors introducing COVID infection into hospital wards, resulting in outbreaks and an increased risk of harm to patients.