

## **End of Life Consent**

**With regard to the recent news story from BBC News on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 re: Family to sue over mother's end of life consent.**

- 1. Please can you confirm within ABUHB how many incidents throughout Covid, where end of life care has been provided without notice or legal consent of next of kin, including patients with a form of dementia.**

As of the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 there were no serious incident investigations initiated where end of life care was provided without notice or legal consent of the next of kin throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 2. Also, can ABUHB indicate the number of specific incidents where end of care was provided by local authority or private care setting across Gwent.**

The Health Board is unable to provide this information, you would need to contact each local authority directly.

- 3. Finally, can you confirm how many complaints ABUHB received related to the implementation of end of life care throughout Covid.**

The Health Board has undertaken a search on Datix, the Health Board's electronic reporting system and can advise that between 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 there have been 11 complaints received where 'end of life care' is detailed in the narrative and further interrogated to where they specifically relate to the 'implementation of end of life care throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

