

1. How many patients, across the Health Board, have died of Covid 19 without any underlying medical condition or conditions.

The Health Board can confirm that in order to gather this information we would have to carry out a specific exercise of reviewing the Medical Certificate Cause of Death (MCCD) books in each of our sites to determine the cause of death with no contributing factors. 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. This is currently £450. In reaching this decision we estimate that it would take staff approximately 93 hours to review death information in relation COVID-19. This figure is based on a timescale of 10 minutes per patient death, there being 556 COVID-19 deaths that have occurred during the period 15th March 2020 to 16th December 2020 in our hospitals. Therefore, to obtain the data would work out at approximately 93 hours @ £25.00 per hour (cost permitted under the Act) = £2,325.00. 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 link to the Public Health Wales (PHW) site where you will be able to access further information on the cause of death by location.

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>