

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-019	25 th January 2022
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Please provide (as per your latest data) the number of people who have died of Covid-19 (using the ONS Covid-19 death definition - Covid-19 is mentioned on the death certificate) after probably or definitely catching Covid-19 in one of the health board's hospitals (patient was defined as probable or definite hospital-onset Covid-19).

Please provide a breakdown of the deaths per hospital.

Please find below the figures for patients who have passed away based on the ONS death classification COVID underlying or COVID other cause and whose COVID case classification is either HCAI or probable HCAI. The period covers March 2020 to January 2022.

Discharging Hospital	Total
Chepstow Community Hospital	<5
County Hospital	10
Grange University Hospital	8
Monnow Vale Health and Social Care Facility	<5
Nevill Hall Hospital	69
Rhymney Integrated Health & Social Care Centre	<5
Royal Gwent Hospital	160
St Woolos Community Hospital	16
Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan	55
Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr	69
Ysbyty'r Tri Chwm	<5
Grand Total	394

The Health Board has sought to respond to your request in full; however, due to the small numbers involved, we are unable to provide actual numbers in relation to the number of deaths in each hospital as the potential risk of identifying patients becomes significant. Please note that where the numbers are fewer than 5 this has been provided as <5 individuals. We are withholding the detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and Schedules 2 and 3 of the Act. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

Please disclose any analysis the health board has conducted of nosocomial Covid transmission at its hospitals.

Learning identified from outbreak reviews within the Health Board is that often there are multifactual contributions in the nosocomial transmission of COVID, including:

- Documented admission screening
- Testing and turn around of swabs
- Asymptomatic carriers both patients and staff
- Communal areas increase risk such as shared bathroom facilities and bays
- Ventilation in our older hospital estates
- Incubation period of covid-19
- Unable to isolate patient in a timely manner following exposure
- Exposed bays increased risk
- Patients being unable to tolerate face coverings
- Patient requiring enhanced care
- Car sharing
- Unable to maintain social distancing