

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-029	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
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**A statement has been made in the press [11<sup>th</sup> January 2022] that all the current patients in ICU, that are there due to COVID/coronavirus, are unvaccinated.**

**Could you advise;**

**1. How many patients are currently in ICU in total**

There were 14 patients in ICU on 11/01/2022.

**2. Breakdown the reasons they are in ICU**

The Health Board's information department does not capture why a patient is admitted to a ward. A patient's hospital stay(s) are clinically coded on discharge and some of the patients who were in ICU on 11/01/2022 remain in ICU now and some patients, although no longer in ICU, are still in hospital. There is usually a 2-3 months delay in clinical coding and therefore, it is unlikely that those patients discharged since the 11<sup>th</sup> January would have been coded as yet.

**3. How many of these patients were admitted because of COVID/coronavirus**

As above, we cannot ascertain how many patients were admitted to ICU **because of** COVID. We can confirm that there were less than 5 COVID positive patients in ICU on 11/01/2022 based on the results of a COVID PCR test.

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 specific numbers of COVID positive patients on a particular date as the potential risk of identifying patients becomes significant. Please note that where the numbers are fewer than 5 this has been provided as 'less than 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.

**4. How many patients contracted COVID/coronavirus after admission**

Of the COVID positive patients in ICU on 11/01/2022, none contracted COVID after admission.

If you are not satisfied that the information you have requested has not been provided, or because of the way your request has been handled, you have the right to request a review. This would be looked into in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) guidelines, which state that a request for review should be received within two months of you receiving the Health Board's response to your request for information.