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Our ref: FOI 23-684

Thursday 18th January 2024

Your Request

You requested the following:

1. How many patients were infected with Covid on Wards C5 West and D2 West in the Royal Gwent Hospital in February and March 2020?
2. How many staff that accessed Wards C5 West and D2 West in the Royal Gwent Hospital in February and March 2020?
3. How many patients died with Covid on their death certificate that had been patients on Wards C5 West and D2 West in the Royal Gwent Hospital in February and March 2020?
4. What infection prevention and control (IPC) guidance was being followed in February and March 2020 in the Royal Gwent Hospital?
5. What Welsh Government and Public Health Wales Guidance was being followed in February and March 2020 in the Royal Gwent Hospital?

Our Response

I can confirm that the Health Board has completed a search of its record and has established that it does hold information in relation to your request, as set out below.

1. We have conducted a search of our records and have concluded that we are unable to provide a response for this question as we do not hold this information centrally. This means that we would need to search individual patient records to obtain this information. We have established that it would take in excess of 18 hours to access this information and therefore exceeds the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which is currently £450. This is not an exemption which requires us to consider the application of the public interest test.
2. We are unable to answer this question as we do not hold this information.
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4. Guidance February 2020:
[19.02.2020 PHE Covid IPAC Guidance](#)
[National Infection Prevention and Control Manual: Home \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh and we will respond in Welsh without delay.
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Guidance March 2020:

[03.03.2020 PHE Covid IPAC Guidance Updated](#)

[06.03.2020 PHE Covid IPAC Guidance Updated](#)

[06.03.2020 CMO 2020/006 Changes to case definitions](#)

[13.03.2020 CMO 2020/007 Phased response and Testing](#)

[18.03.2020 CMO 2020/8 Changes to testing criteria](#)

[26.03.2020 CMO 2020/005 Changes to case definitions](#)

[27.03.2020 Joint Public Health Covid IPAC Guidance](#)

[30.03.2020 PHE When to use a FFP3 mask](#)

Please also refer to the attachments contained for the answer to this question.

5. The answer to this question is the same as the answer provided in question 4.