

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-258	27 th June 2022
--------------------------------	------------	----------------------------

I would like to request the following information:

For the time period of 2019 until 2020:

1. How many patients who died had a positive diagnosis of sepsis?

Please find below the number of patients who have died in hospital and have a primary or secondary diagnosis of Sepsis coded:

2019/20 – 525

Please note the Health Board can identify the number of inpatients who had sepsis and their discharge is recorded as 'died'. However, the Health Board does not code the cause of death (mortality), we record the diagnoses present (morbidity) whilst the patient is in hospital and the outcome of that hospital stay.

2. How many (i) out-patients (ii) in-patients treated had an injury that resulted in sepsis?

2019/20 – 173

Please note the Health Board can identify those inpatients who had an injury and had sepsis, but we are unable to link the two, so are unable to confirm if sepsis was as a result of the injury, just that they have those two conditions.

3. Do you routinely audit sepsis screening and sepsis 6 administration?

The Health Board uses the sepsis 6 proforma to support the clinical management of patients presenting with sepsis. Data is collected around the 1-hour compliance, however the number of sepsis proformas reviewed to collect data is a relatively small proportion of total sepsis cases seen in the Emergency Department.

4. What are the audit results for implementation of sepsis 6 within the 1-hour timeframe?

2019/2020 1-hour compliance – 57%

For the time period of 2020 until 2021:

1. How many patients who died had a positive diagnosis of sepsis?

Please find below the number of patients who have died in hospital and have a primary or secondary diagnosis of Sepsis coded:

2020/21 – 472

Please note the Health Board can identify the number of inpatients who had sepsis and their discharge is recorded as 'died'. However, the Health Board does not code the cause of death (mortality), we record the diagnoses present (morbidity) whilst the patient is in hospital and the outcome of that hospital stay.

2. How many (i) out-patients (ii) in-patients treated had an injury that resulted in sepsis?

2020/21 – 157

Please note the Health Board can identify those inpatients who had an injury and had sepsis, but we are unable to link the two, so are unable to confirm if sepsis was as a result of the injury, just that they have those two conditions.

3. Do you routinely audit sepsis screening and sepsis 6 administration?

The Health Board uses the sepsis 6 proforma to support the clinical management of patients presenting with sepsis. Data is collected around the 1-hour compliance, however the number of sepsis proformas reviewed to collect data is a relatively small proportion of total sepsis cases seen in the Emergency Department.

4. What are the audit results for implementation of sepsis 6 within the 1-hour timeframe?

2020/2021 1-hour compliance – 51%
(COVID-19 impacted towards the end of this year)