

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-254	5 th July 2021
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1. Could you tell me how many patients at the Nevill Hall Hospital in Abergavenny have sadly died from Covid 19 exclusively, with no comorbidity issues, between March 1st 2020 and 15th June 2021.

The Health Board has completed a search of its records and has established that in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 of the Act.

The Health Board reports every death in our hospitals to Public Health Wales (PHW), this includes all causation factors. Public Health Wales will then perform statistical alignment meeting the definition of a COVID death and the patient place of residence as some of the Health Board area residents may die in other hospitals outside of the Aneurin Bevan Health Board responsibility. All Health Board deaths data is reported on the Public Health Wales website and in the Office of National Statistics (ONS) data.

Please refer to PHW website and PHW for further information via the following link below:

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

2. Could you tell me please what number of cycles you have been running your PCR tests from 1st March 2020 to 15th June 2021, to obtain a result that is recorded as testing positive for covid.

The Health Board uses several platforms for testing, these are Cepheid, Eplex, Biofire and Seegene. They vary in cycle numbers but the average is 45.

3. Could you tell me who recommended the number of cycles that you should use?

The supplier of each platform