

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-255	5 th July 2021
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Please could you give me the number of deaths whereby covid is the sole cause of death listed, where there were no other pre-existing conditions or comorbidities written on the death certificates covering the period from March 2020 to the present day, and are you able to provide the average age of these deaths please?

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>

Also i would like to know the number of cycles you are running as standard on all PCR tests that you perform as well as the number of cycles you run on PCR tests where the recipient/patient is known to have undergone any of the available covid vaccines.

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. There is no difference in cycles for vaccinated patients.

Lastly if you could tell me if there is any difference in the number of cycles being run in relation to the patient's vaccination status and explain the reason please.

There is no difference in cycle for vaccinated patients