

I have come to learn that excess deaths in Wales in 2022 exceeded those of 2020/21 and I am looking for someone who would be able to answer the following questions please.

1. Why were excess deaths higher in 2022 than in 2020 and 2021 when we were in the midst of a deadly pandemic?

The Health Board does not hold this information. Excess Mortality rates are monitored and analysed by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). They can be contacted via the following email address FOI.Team@ons.gov.uk

2. Why are excess deaths higher after the pandemic has run its course than during the pandemic?

Please refer to Q1.

3. As there seems to be no other common denominator, what part have the COVID-19 vaccines played in these increased rates of mortality?

Please refer to Q1.

4. Is the health board currently investigating whether COVID-19 vaccines are, at least in part, responsible for the increased rates of mortality we are currently experiencing?

No, as per Q1, excess mortality rates are monitored and analysed by the office for National Statistics. They would inform Welsh Government of their findings.