

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-369	14 th October 2021
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On 4th December 2020, the Welsh Government announced that routine Covid-19 testing of asymptomatic frontline health staff would begin later that month.

1. On what date did regular testing of asymptomatic staff working at the Royal Gwent Hospital begin?

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board made a decision and implemented regular asymptomatic testing of patient-facing staff who worked with extremely vulnerable patients in October 2020. This testing was undertaken using PCR tests.

In line with Welsh Government's announcement for regular testing of all asymptomatic frontline staff that you have referred to, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board offered this testing to its staff by site as follows:

- Royal Gwent Hospital 16 February 2021
- Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr 16 February 2021
- Grange University Hospital 1 March 2021
- Nevill Hall Hospital 2 March 2021

2. In weeks one [to twelve] of the policy coming into fore, what percentage of staff who worked at [Royal Gwent Hospital/Nevill Hall Hospital/Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr/Grange University Hospital] that week were tested?

Due to the fluidity of our staff's rotation across Health Board sites, we have provided an organisational compliance average, which covers all sites.

Week starting	Percentage compliance
1*	75.98%
2*	81.51%
3**	96.92%
4	77.14%
5	70.20%
6	65.89%
7	57.30%
8	59.56%
9	56.09%
10	52.25%

11	49.22%
12	48.04%

* Royal Gwent Hospital and Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr

** Includes Grange University Hospital and Nevill Hall Hospital