

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/489

Covid-19 Deaths

Request details

Please provide me with the number of deaths attributed **solely** to Covid19 within Cardiff and Vale University Health Board that would be registered i.e. **not as a result of underlying medical conditions**.

It would be helpful if this could be from the period of January to the present time or as near to these parameters as possible.

Response details

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that it does not centrally record or collate information based on the definition provided in your request for information. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual patient records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

To comply with our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, the UHB would like to inform you that it has recorded 521 deaths in hospital where the clinician suspects Covid-19 was a causative factor in the death for the period 1st January 2020 to 31st Dec 2020.