

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/20/210
COVID-19 Testing

Request details

- 1. How many care homes have been infected with COVID-19 in your area since 11 March 2020?**

Of the 151 care homes in Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB), 40 have been infected – i.e. have had resident or staff member with a positive result.

- 2. How many domiciliary, social care and care home workers are registered in your area?**

The UHB does not hold this information. Under our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, I would like to inform you that this information would be available via Cardiff City Council and the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Please find below the relevant links:

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/Your-Council/Data-protection-and-FOI/Freedom-of-information/Pages/default.aspx>

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/freedom_of_information/Requests%20for_Information.aspx

- 3. How many domiciliary, social care and care home workers have been tested for COVID-19 in your area up to 11 June 2020?**

4480*

* The Community Testing Units and the Population Sampling Centre are different entities with different target populations. The UHB was responsible for the CTUs so can provide these figures (4480 domiciliary, social care and care home workers) up to the 11th June. The Population Sampling Centre was operated by Public Health Wales and we do not have access to data regarding how many domiciliary, social care and care home workers they tested up to 10th June.

For further information in relation to submitting a freedom of information request to Public Health Wales, please refer to the following link;

<https://phw.nhs.wales/use-of-site/contact-us/freedom-of-information/>

4. Are asymptomatic domiciliary, social care and care home workers tested in your area?

The UHB is progressing with its ongoing 'whole care home' testing programme, including symptomatic and asymptomatic staff. Symptomatic domiciliary and social care staff would also be able to access a test.

5. Are domiciliary, social care and care home workers able to book direct with all drive-through testing centres in your area – please also provide the names of the ones where they are unable to do so?

In line with the CMO letter of the 5th June 2020, from Monday 15th June all care home staff are being offered a weekly test for a four week period. These will be self-administered swabs, and in the UHB area they can be acquired through the Care Home Portal. Symptomatic domiciliary and social care staff are able to access a test at all drive-through test centres in the UHB area.

6. When individuals or employers are applying for tests through your local authority or health board, are care homes notified of when they can test their staff and, if not, why not?

Yes