

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/186**

**Discharges to Care Homes**

**Request details**

**I am requesting this information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

- 1. How many patients have been transferred from your hospitals into care homes to free up capacity and for other reasons since 1 March 2020**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold this information. To comply with our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance we would like to provide the following data. Please note the UHB does not record the destination address of patients, so in order to attempt to identify discharges to care homes the UHB uses a combination of those with a discharge destination of 'Care Home' and those discharged to their Usual Place of Residence (UPR) where their UPR address is identified by a text search as being a care home.

Inpatient Discharges to Care Homes (or their usual place of residence if they have been admitted from a Care Home)

<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Mar</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>May</b>	
37	48	48	52	29	22	17	24	32	12	22	12	11	14	380

1st March 2020 to 6th June 2020 split by week

- 2. Of these how many were new admissions to that care home and how many were being moved back into an existing placement?**

The UHB does not hold this information as we do not record the discharge address, so cannot accurately determine if these are new or existing placements.

- 3. How many of these patients were tested for the Covid-19 virus prior to transferring / post transfer?**

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual 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.

#### **4. How many of these patients have since been identified as having contracted the Covid-19 virus?**

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**5. How many of these patients are known to have died from or with Covid-19 subsequently?**

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