

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/213
Mask Guidance

Information Requested:

What is the point of GP Surgery staff and patients still wearing masks?

Response details:

Please see the attached Public Health Wales guidance.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board staff wear face masks when delivering care to patients with respiratory symptoms, in high risk areas e.g. oncology, transplant etc and in areas where there is a cluster or outbreak of respiratory illness. Some staff continue to wear masks at all times when in work and in public areas but that is a personal preference.

Our previous advice to practices regarding the wearing of masks is to follow national direction and for them to undertake a local risk assessment.

You may wish to contact the individual practice for further information of their local risk assessment and their decision to request that all staff and patients wear face masks. Please also be aware that failure to wear a face mask, although requested, should not affect access to general medical service.