

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/014
Nosocomial Covid-19 Investigations

1. Please confirm the reporting period as the document is undated?

The reporting period of 389 completed cases was as of end July 2022

2. Q2 is asking for confirmation of when the 389 cases were each completed as other health boards report from Mar 20 to Dec 22:

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.

3. split downgraded and recategorised cases

The UHB believes that Section 12 applies here, please see the exemption set out above.

4. In addition, can you confirm how investigations are being prioritised?

All investigations have an initial review regarding their care. All cases where death has occurred are classed as a priority. Any concerns that are submitted are also prioritised for a review in line with Putting Things Right