

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/23/550
Hospital Handling of Covid-19

1. How many visits from Infection Control were carried out during each month for a period of 24 months from and including March 2020?

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold this information. Under section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you that members of the Infection Prevention and Control (IP&C) team are permanently based in both the University hospital of Wales (UHW) and the University Hospital Llandough (UHL). Many visits were made by IP&C staff from both UHW and UHL to St David's Hospital and Barry Hospital, however records were not kept.

2. From those visits, what changes were made to align (if applicable) with the recommendations from Infection Control?

Any changes were made in line with the official government guidance at the time. Please see the link to archived guidance: [UK Government Web Archive](#).

3. How was the use of the NHS Covid-19 App by staff actively encouraged?

The NHS Covid-19 application was promoted in 'CEO Connects' circulars (previous written format), with opportunities to promote it in staff email circulars and SharePoint. This was particularly linked to IP&C guidance updates and Sitrep updates on occasion.

The UHB's People and Culture Department also updated existing training for managers around absenteeism and managing work absences, referencing the application in there too.

References to the application featured in the All Wales Medical Genomics Service newsletter and staff circulars at the time around travel restrictions and requirements.