



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ein Cyf/ Our ref ATISN 14455

16 November 2020

Dear ,

ATISN 14455 – COVID-19

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 20 October. You asked for –

- 1. How many people are known to have contracted the virus?*
- 2. How many of them required NHS intervention?*
- 3. How many of these were then admitted to hospital?*
- 4. How many of that group ended up in ITU?*
- 5. How many have sadly died?*

Additionally, in relation to the information requested above, you requested that we provide this information formatted by the demographics as outlined below -

- Age group, which needs to show a statistically appropriate level of granularity, which are as follows :
0 – 10, 11- 18, 19 – 26, 27 – 34, 35 – 42, 42 – 50, 51 – 58, 59 – 66, 67 – 74, 75 and above.
- Region/Area
- The cultural ethnicity as I am aware that certain cultural sections of our community are more at risk than others.
- What underlying health conditions existed, if any, for those that sadly died
- How many false positive have been recorded through testing. So the total number tested and the total number of false positives.

On Q1, this information is available at the Public Health Wales link attached below and is updated daily, this data is accessible by age and sex, by local authority and MSOA – <https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

On Q2, Q3 and Q4 Welsh Government publishes weekly data on [NHS activity and capacity during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#). This includes figures on admissions of COVID-19 related patients and figures on invasive ventilated beds by use, admissions and hospitalisation of COVID-19 related patients.

On Q5, Public Health Wales collect and publish daily rapid surveillance data on deaths where COVID-19 is a contributory factor of the death and the individual must have had a positive laboratory test.

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

The most complete statistics on deaths involving and from COVID-19 are published by the Office for National Statistics based on data where COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate (a doctor can certify the involvement of COVID-19 based on symptoms and clinical findings – a positive test result is not required), although these take slightly longer to prepare and publish. These figure are also broken down by area, age and gender, ethnicity, deaths due to and involving COVID-19 and you can also access information on pre-existing conditions mentioned on the death certificate of deaths involving COVID-19. I have attached the relevant links below –

Area:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/bulletins/deathsregisteredweeklyinenglandandwalesprovisional/latest>

Age and gender (ONS tab on the following link):

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

Ethnicity:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/adhocs/12390countsofdeathsinvolvingcovid19byethnicgroupwales2march2020to28july2020>

Deaths due to and involving covid:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/datasets/monthlymortalityanalysisenglandandwales>

Pre-existing conditions:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/bulletins/deathsinvolvingcovid19englandandwales/deathsoccurringinjune2020/relateddata>

Furthermore, you have requested information in respect of the rate of false positives. Welsh Government do not hold this information. You may wish to contact Public Health Wales as they may hold this information. I have attached their contact details below for your convenience -

Freedom of Information Office
Public Health Wales
Floor 3
2 Capital Quarter
Tyndall Street
Cardiff
CF10 4BZ
Email: foi.phw@wales.nhs.uk

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,