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Welsh Government

E-mail request

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Dear

ATISN 15027

Thank you for your request which I received on 24 March 2021. I have set out at Annex 1, the questions you submitted and my response to each.

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

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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



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Annex 1

Questions

Statistics that show the figures from March 2018-March 2021 for winter illnesses and viruses and pathogens to compare from the Neath Port Talbot Borough and the Swansea Borough, as well as any resulting deaths and in what age groups.

How many, teachers & or pupils have been infected with Covid 19 or died as a result from the Cwm Tawe Community School in Pontardawe, Godre r Graig Primary school also in Pontardawe & Gorseinon College, in Gorseinon, Swansea?

The number of Covid 19 cases in the Neath Port Talbot Borough and any resulting deaths and in what age brackets.

Data on admissions to Singleton Hospital and Morriston Hospital both in Swansea, for people who contracted Covid 19, the age brackets and any deaths from it for the periods March 2018-March 2021, and the same time period for Flu admissions, age ranges and deaths.

A copy of the latest Covid 19 laws & legislations.

Response

“The number of Covid 19 cases in the Neath Port Talbot Borough and any resulting deaths and in what age brackets.”

The number of cases recorded in Neath Port Talbot can be found on the PHW Rapid COVID-19 surveillance dashboard at the link below and then the required Local authority selected from the drop down box

Cases by Local Authority:

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

The Office for National Statistics publishes weekly statistics on COVID-19 related deaths where COVID-19 was mentioned anywhere on the death certificate, whether as an underlying (main) cause or not. Data for each local authority is available at this link:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/causesofdeath/datasets/deathregistrationsandoccurrencesbylocalauthorityandhealthboard>

A breakdown by age is not available at a local authority level.

“Data on admissions to Singleton Hospital and Morriston Hospital both in Swansea, for people who contracted Covid 19”

This is available in the table below. Please note we have included patients admitted that are COVID-19 confirmed or suspected. The data are taken from management information and are subject to change. Please see the **Chief Statistician’s blog** for more information on reporting management information, data quality and transparency.

Table 1: Hospital admissions with confirmed or suspected COVID-19

Month	Moriston Hospital	Singleton Hospital
Mar-20	76	39
Apr-20	332	192
May-20	296	97
Jun-20	152	79
Jul-20	72	69
Aug-20	43	52
Sep-20	37	57
Oct-20	118	96
Nov-20	138	89
Dec-20	232	103
Jan-21	170	83
Feb-21	57	32
Mar-21	25	24

Source: NHS Wales Informatics Service

Notes:

1. Admissions are the number of patients admitted to hospital between 9am on the update date and 9am the day before. COVID-19 related admissions include COVID-19 suspected or confirmed patients.
2. The health minister announced on 13 March 2020 that all non-urgent activity should stop to prepare for the pandemic.
3. Following the re-introduction of elective procedures from June 2020, patients admitted for elective procedures suspected of having COVID-19 were initially captured in COVID-19 related admissions, even if they received a negative test later. This inflated the numbers of suspected cases in hospital at the time of reporting.
4. From 29 June 2020, patients admitted for elective procedures were only included in COVID-19 related admissions if they received a positive COVID-19 test result on arrival at the hospital.
5. From 3 July 2020, guidance was updated to only include emergency admissions in the COVID-19 related admissions figures.

However the further detail on *“the age brackets and any deaths from it for the periods March 2018-March 2021, and the same time period for Flu admissions, age ranges and deaths”* are not held by Welsh Government, nor are:

“the figures from March 2018-March 2021 for winter illnesses and viruses and pathogens to compare from the Neath Port Talbot Borough and the Swansea Borough, as well as any resulting deaths and in what age groups.”

Or *“how many, teachers & or pupils have been infected with Covid 19 or died as a result from the Cwm Tawe Community School in Pontardawe, Godre r Graig Primary school also in Pontardawe & Gorseinon College, in Gorseinon, Swansea.”*

However, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) collect and produce mortality statistics for England and Wales based on information from the death registration process. Information on mortality by age, sex and area for years prior to 2020 can be found on the Office for National Statistics’ data dissemination website [Nomis](#). Public Health Wales (PHW) also publish alternative breakdowns of ONS data by underlying causes as part of their [Covid-19 Recovery profile](#). This can be broken down by Health board and comparisons to the 5 year average for a subset of underlying conditions.

For information on Covid-19 deaths the ONS publish provisional [weekly](#) statistics which include deaths involving Covid-19 (i.e. Covid-19 was mentioned on the death certificate as a contributory cause of death). They also publish more granular [monthly](#) statistics on deaths due to Covid-19 (i.e.

where Covid-19 was identified as the underlying (main) cause on the death certificate) which can be broken down by age and sex. However, this analysis is resident based and not hospital based, i.e. where the individual lived.

Detailed analysis at the level requested is not published by the ONS due to the low numbers for Wales. However, the ONS have published information on teacher deaths for England and Wales combined and this can be found on their [website](#) (table 8). Note these figures represent deaths based on the occupation recorded on their death certificate, and therefore may not always represent deaths in service.

For further information on this data, please contact the ONS at health.data@ons.gov.uk
You may also want to contact the NHS Informatics Service (NWIS): nwis_foirequest@wales.nhs.uk
to see if they hold further information on admissions and Public Health Wales:
foi.phw@wales.nhs.uk to see if they hold further information on deaths and age breakdowns of winter illnesses.

You have also asked for a copy of the latest Covid 19 laws & legislations. We maintain an up to date record of all [in force and revoked Coronavirus legislation](#) on our website.