ATISN 15687

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Dear

ATISN 15687 – Covid-19 data

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 15 November requesting specific data in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic. I apologise for the delay in responding to you. I have interpreted your request as follows:

Requested information for Wales by Health Board - daily data Welsh NHS health board from 1st March 2020 to present day.

1. *Summary (see tab 1 in NHS England spreadsheets)*
2. *Total beds occupied (see tab 2 in NHS England spreadsheets)*
3. *Total beds occupied by confirmed covid 19 patients (see tab 3 in NHS England spreadsheets)*
4. *Mechanical ventilation beds occupied (see tab 4 in NHS England spreadsheets)*
5. *Mechanical ventilation beds occupied by covid confirmed Covid patients (see tab 5 in NHS England spreadsheets)*
6. *Admissions Total Number of patients admitted with Covid (see tab 6 in NHS England spreadsheets)*
7. *Admissions - Number of patients admitted with Covid Aged 0-5yrs (see tab 7 in NHS England spreadsheets)*
8. *Admissions - Number or patients admitted with Covid Aged 6-17 years (see tab 8 in NHS England spreadsheets)*
9. *Admissions - Number of patients admitted with Covid Aged 18-24 Years (see tab 9 in NHS England spreadsheets)*
10. *Admissions - Number of patients admitted with Covid Aged 65 - 84 (see tab 10 in NHS England spreadsheets)*
11. *Admissions - Number of patients admitted with Covid Aged 85+ (see tab 11 in NHS England spreadsheets)*
12. *Diagnoses - Total number of inpatients diagnosed with Covid (see tab 12 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

13. *Diagnoses - Total number of inpatients diagnosed with Covid Aged 0-5 yrs (see tab 13 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

14. *Diagnoses - Total number of inpatients diagnosed with Covid Aged 6-17 yrs (see tab 14 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

15. *Diagnoses - Total number of inpatients diagnosed with Covid Aged 18-64yrs (see tab 15 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

16. *Diagnoses - Total number of inpatients diagnosed with Covid Aged 65-84 yrs (see tab 16 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

17. *Diagnoses - Total number of inpatients diagnosed with Covid Aged 85+yrs (see tab 17 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

18. *Discharges Total confirmed Covid cases discharged from hospital (see tab 18 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

19. *Discharges Total confirmed Covid cases discharged from hospital Aged 0-5 yrs (see tab 19 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

20. *Discharges Total confirmed Covid cases discharged from hospital Aged 6-17 (see tab 20 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

21. *Discharges Total confirmed Covid cases discharged from hospital aged 18-64 (see tab 21 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

22. *Discharges Total confirmed Covid cases discharged from hospital Aged 65-84 (see tab 22 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

23. *Discharges Total confirmed Covid cases discharged from hospital aged 85+ (see tab 23 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

24. *Total Reported admissions to hospital and diagnoses in hospital (see tab 24 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

25. *Total estimated new hospital cases (see tab 25 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

26. *Total estimated new admissions to hospital from the community (see tab 26 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

27. *Total estimated new hospital admissions from the community with 3-7 day lagging (see tab 27 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

28. *Total reported admissions and diagnoses from a care or nursing home (see tab 28 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

29. *All absences - Staffing data - Total number of staff absent from work through sickness or self-isolation (see tab 29 in NHS England spreadsheets)*

30. *Covid Absences - Staffing data - The number of Covid-19 related absences of staff, either through sickness or self-isolation. (see tab 30 in NHS England spreadsheets)*
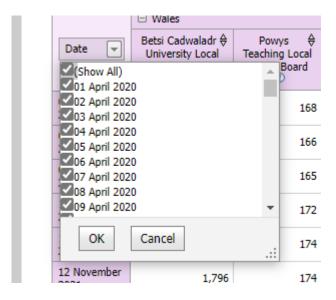
Our response

1. *Summary*

Where available, this information is contained in the below sections and within **Annex 1**.

2. *Total beds occupied*

Please see the link below for data on total beds occupied in Wales, by local health board, from 1 April 2020 to latest date.

Please note that only the latest month's data will be initially displayed for all StatsWales datasets. To display the full data series, click on the downwards arrow next to the 'Date' filter and select '(Show All)'.
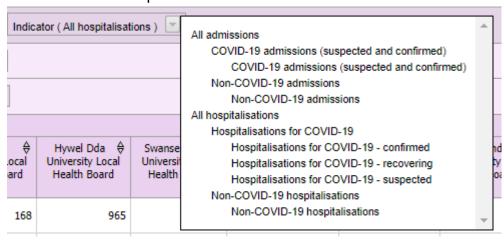

[NHS hospitalisations by date and local health board (gov.wales)](#)

3. *Total beds occupied by confirmed Covid-19 patients*

Please see the link below for data on total beds occupied by confirmed Covid-19 patients in Wales, by Local Health Board, from 1 April 2020 to latest date.

Please note that the number of total beds occupied will initially be displayed. To display total beds occupied by confirmed Covid-19 patients, click on the 'Indicator (All hospitalisations)' filter and select 'Hospitalisations for Covid-19 – confirmed'.
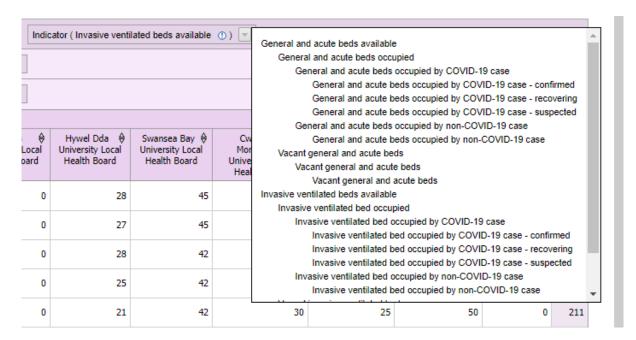

[NHS hospitalisations by date and local health board (gov.wales)](#)

4. *Mechanical ventilation beds occupied*

Please see the link below for data on total invasive beds occupied in Wales, by local health board, from 1 April 2020 to latest date.

Please note that the number of invasive ventilated beds available will initially be displayed. To display total beds occupied, click on the 'Indicator (invasive ventilated beds available)' filter and select 'Invasive ventilated bed occupied'.

[NHS beds by date and local health board (gov.wales)](#)

5. *Mechanical ventilation beds occupied by confirmed Covid-19 patients*

Please see the link below for data on total invasive beds occupied by confirmed Covid-19 patient in Wales, by local health board, from 1 April 2020 to latest date.

Please note that the number of invasive ventilated beds available will initially be displayed. To display total beds occupied by confirmed Covid-19 patients, click on the 'Indicator (invasive ventilated beds available)' filter and select 'Invasive ventilated bed occupied by Covid-19 case – confirmed'.

[NHS beds by date and local health board (gov.wales)](#)

6. *Admissions total number of patients admitted with Covid-19*

Please see the link below for data on admissions with suspected or confirmed Covid-19 patient in Wales, by Local Health Board, from 1 April 2020 to latest date.

Please note that the total number of admissions will initially be displayed. To display admissions with Covid-19, click on the 'Indicator (All admissions)' filter and select 'Covid-19 admissions (suspected and confirmed)'.

[NHS hospital admissions by date and local health board (gov.wales)](#)

In regards to requests 7 – 28, the Welsh Government does not hold this information. This information may be held by Digital Health and Care Wales. You can contact them at the address below.

Digital Health and Care Wales
Ty Glan-yr-Afon,
21 Cowbridge Road East,
Cardiff.
CF11 9AD
Email: nwis_foirequest@wales.nhs.uk

29. *All absences - Staffing data - Total number of staff absent from work through sickness or self-isolation*

Please refer to the attached **Annex 1** for data on NHS staff absences in Wales, by local health board, from 1 March 2020 to latest date.

30. *Covid-19 related Absences - Staffing data - The number of Covid-19 related absences of staff, either through sickness or self-isolation*

Please refer to the attached **Annex 1** for data on NHS staff absences in Wales, by local health board, from 1 March 2020 to latest date.

Definitions

Admissions

Admissions are the number of patients admitted to hospital within a 24-hour period from midnight to midnight each day, for example, 00:00 to 23:59 Monday to be reported on a Tuesday. Covid-19 related admissions include Covid-19 suspected or confirmed patients.

A Covid-19 related admission is defined as an emergency admission to any medical specialty and is either:
- within 14 days of a positive Covid-19 sample being taken; or
- where a Covid-19 sample is taken on the first day of the admission, regardless of whether the result is positive or negative.

The emergency medical admissions criteria are intended to provide an approximation for suspected Covid-19 patients.
Patients transferred between hospitals within the same organisation should be excluded from the count of admissions.

Hospitalisations

The number of Covid-19 related hospitalisations is the number of staffed beds occupied by a patient that satisfies the definition of a 'Confirmed', 'Suspected' or 'Recovering' patient as set out below.
A patient is defined as 'Confirmed' Covid-19 only following a positive test and will remain until downgrading criteria are met. (See recovering Covid-19 below).

A patient is defined as 'Suspected' Covid-19 if they are awaiting the result of a test having been admitted as an emergency under a medical specialty or if they become symptomatic following admission for any other reason. This also includes patients testing negative but continuing to display Covid-19 symptoms, patients returning a low level positive test result

prior to a retest, and discharged Covid-19 patients readmitted with Covid-19 symptoms prior to a retest.

A patient is defined as 'Recovering' Covid-19 if either they have a negative test result as confirmation of transition to recovering Covid or they meet the following criteria:

- completed 14 days post a positive Covid-19 test; and
- shown clinical improvement in their condition, with at least some respiratory recovery; and
- had no fever (> 37.8°C) for 48 hours; and
- no underlying severe immunosuppression.

A 'Non-Covid-19' related patient is a patient that does not satisfy any of the suspected, confirmed or recovering Covid-19 criteria described above. Where a patient has acquired a Covid-19 infection during their hospital stay and subsequently meets the downgrading criteria set out above, they should be reported as non-Covid-19.

Invasive ventilated beds

An adult HDU/ICU bed is defined as an adult critical care (ITU, HDU or other) bed capable of providing Level2/3 care, as per the definition below. Any Level 1 patients occupying Level 2/3 beds (e.g. due to delayed transfer of care) should still be reported in this section. Level 1 beds should be captured as part of the 'other beds' section. The Level 1 beds definition is included here for completeness, but these beds should not be reported in the critical care section. Definitions of levels of care are as follows:

Level 1: Patients at risk of their condition deteriorating or those recently relocated from higher levels of care, whose needs can be met on an acute ward with additional advice and support from the critical care team. NB: These patients are NOT included in the critical care section of the Daily Sitrep return.

Level 2: Patients requiring more detailed observation or intervention including support for a single failing organ system or post-operative care and those 'stepping down' from higher levels of care. Also known as high dependency.

Level 3: Patients requiring advanced respiratory support alone or basic respiratory support together with support of at least two organ systems. This level includes all complex patients requiring support for multi-organ failure. Also known as intensive care.

Patients occupying critical care beds should be counted in the 'suspected', 'confirmed' or 'non-Covid' columns provided as per the definitions set out above. Note that no critical care patients should be counted in the 'recovering' column.

Next Steps

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,