

23 September 2022

Dear

ATISN 16639 – Covid 19 Bereaved Families for Justice Cymru

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information received 8th September 2022 relating to Covid 19 Bereaved Families for Justice Cymru. You have requested the following:

From the 1619 completed investigations please provide:

- 1. a breakdown of the 1619 by health board and hospital*
- 2. the dates these investigations were completed*
- 3. confirmation that the families have now been contacted with the outcome of their individual investigation*
- 4. the date each health board will publish the findings of their completed investigations and their plans to implement the recommendations*
- 5. the date the Welsh Government will publish the findings of all completed investigations and their plans to implement the recommendations*

Our Response

- 1. Please find a breakdown of the 1619 by health board in the table below. The Welsh Government does not hold this data at hospital level.*

	Total Incidents	Not Started	Total In Progress	Downgraded/ Recategorised	Completed Investigation	Total Completed	% of Completed Investigations	% In Progress of remaining cases
Anuerin Bevan University Health Board	2816	2512	131	173	0	173	6.1%	5.0%
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	3565	2808	245	294	218	512	14.4%	8.0%
Cardiff and Vale University Health Board	3406	2434	232	351	389	740	21.7%	8.7%
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	3642	2774	864	2	2	4	0.1%	23.7%
Hywel Dda University Health Board	2586	1689	763	132	2	134	5.2%	31.1%
Powys Teaching Health Board	291	0	253	14	24	38	13.1%	100.0%
Swansea Bay University Health Board	3193	2558	633	2	0	2	0.1%	19.8%
Velindre NHS Trust	38	1	21	0	16	16	42.1%	95.5%
Total	19537	14776	3142	968	651	1619	8.3%	17.5%

2. The Welsh Government does not hold data on when investigations are completed. However further information about the investigation process can be found in the following links:

National Framework - <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/documents/20211104 - NHS Wales national framework %E2%80%93 Management of patient safety incidents following nosocomial transmission of COVID-19.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions - [National Nosocomial COVID-19 Programme: patient and family frequently asked questions \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)

3. All organisations have enacted their arrangements for patient and family contact. Contact is occurring through a number of different means and organisations are prioritising deaths with regards to contact and investigations. Individual outcomes will not be publicly available.
4. All organisations are required to report to their internal Board as to their progress through the investigation programme at regular intervals. These interim progress reports have started to be published and are available within the public domain on each health boards web pages.
5. An interim themed national learning report will be produced and provided to Welsh Government at the end of the first year of the programme (March 2023). This timing will ensure sufficient validation of the learning and actions required, including a handling plan of how recommendations will be implemented.

In 2024 at the end of the programme the NHS Wales Delivery Unit (DU) will publish an end of programme national report. Individual organisations will also publish their own reports in line with reporting requirements.

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,