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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

FOI Reference:	FOI 403
Date request received	03 August 2020
Date information is due to be sent	31 August 2020

Information Requested:

1. Data about how many NHS Wales workers have died so far this year from Covid-19 (please break down by confirmed/suspected if possible). Please give the following breakdowns:
 - Ethnicity
 - Nationality
 - Migrant or non-migrant
 - Month and ethnicity
 - Month and nationality
 - Month and migrant or non-migrant
 - Job role and ethnicity
 - Job role and nationality
 - Job role and migrant or non-migrant
2. Do you collect information about these deaths in a spreadsheet? If so, what are the fields of data which are filled out for each entry? And, for each field of data, can you tell me whether they are answered in a free text field, or by selecting an option from a drop-down menu? If the latter, please provide the list of options from the drop-down menu.
3. Has Public Health Wales conducted any kind of review/research into these deaths? If so, please supply.

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request. Unfortunately, we do not hold the information requested. Through our rapid mortality surveillance for deaths in confirmed cases in hospitals, we ask whether the patient was a healthcare worker. We do not collect further information on specific roles, nationality or migration status. This information will only include NHS Wales healthcare workers who died in NHS Wales hospitals having had a positive SARS-CoV2 test result in the prior 28 days and who were reported to us via our eForm. Also, as we are not provided with information on the health care role of the person who died, or their employing organisation, this means the information we hold on healthcare staff may include those employed by other organisations, not just NHS.

Individual health boards may hold the requested level of detail on staff members who had died, but may also have concerns about identifying the patients if they release any information.

We ask for data on ethnicity of the individuals who were reported to us via the eForm, but due to the small numbers involved in the request, there would be potential that individual identities could be deduced.

If you would like to contact the individual health boards to see if they are able to help you, I have included their details below for your convenience.

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/866/page/39187>

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/861/page/39134>

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

<http://www.cardiffandvaleuhb.wales.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-new>

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

<https://cwmtafmorgannwg.wales/foi/>

Swansea Bay University Health Board

<https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/about-us1/foia/>

Hywel Dda University Health Board

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/862/page/52085>

Powys Teaching Health Board

<http://www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, you should write to the Corporate Complaints Manager, Public Health Wales NHS Trust, 3, Number 2, Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner for Wales

2nd Floor
Churchill House
Churchill Way
Cardiff
CF10 2HH

Telephone: 029 2067 8400

Email: wales@ico.org.uk