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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Information Requested:

With regards to the June 2020 outbreak of coronavirus infections connected to the 2 Sisters meat processing factory, Llangefni, Isle of Anglesey, and the tests conducted connected with the outbreak, please can you state the following:

(a) The number of persons that received a positive test result for coronavirus (b) The number of those persons with a positive result in (a) who had Covid symptoms (c) The number of those with Covid symptoms in (b) who were admitted to hospital as a result of those symptoms (d) The number of those hospitalised in (c) who were admitted to Intensive Care (e) The number of those in (d) who passed away within 28 days of a positive coronavirus test

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request. Please see below for the responses to your questions.

1. The number of persons that received a positive test result for coronavirus
221
2. The number of those persons with a positive result in (a) who had Covid symptoms

We don't collect this information at the time of testing. All staff at both sites were invited for testing whether they were symptomatic or not. There will have been some that were symptomatic at the time of testing, and some that were not. This

does not mean that individuals with symptoms were necessarily in the workplace whilst symptomatic.

3. The number of those hospitalised

The number of cases admitted to hospital is very small. Therefore we would not disclose this information as it could potentially identify the individuals involved.

4. How many of those entering hospital then had to go into intensive care?

As above, we would not disclose this information as it could potentially identify the individuals involved.

With regard to questions 3 & 4, we apply Section 40 [2] Personal Information, Freedom of Information Act 2000 and this letter acts in part as a Refusal Notice.

We confirm that we hold the information however, we are unable to supply it as we consider this information to be exempt due to low numbers involved and the potential for identification.

Section 40 [2] of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 effectively prohibits the release of personal information if doing so would breach the principles in the Data Protection Act 2018 and we have a statutory duty under Article 9 of the GDPR which prohibits the release of special category personal data concerning an individual.

5. How many died?

There have been no deaths reported to Public Health Wales among the 2 Sisters workforce as a result of Covid-19

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