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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Information Requested:

How many NHS staff have died of Covid -19 whilst in service from the start of the pandemic

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.

The Office of National Statistics (ONS) publishes "Provisional counts of the number of deaths and age-standardised mortality rates involving the coronavirus (COVID-19), by occupational groups, for deaths registered between 9 March and 25 May 2020 in England and Wales. Figures are provided for males and females."

The link can be found here: [ONS Mortality Rate Involving Coronavirus](#) and the data for healthcare workers in Wales can be found on Table 24.

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.

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>

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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

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