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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Date request received	25 June 2020
Date information is due to be sent	23 July 2020

Information Requested:

I have been advised by the WG that you can provide me with the following information.

All daily E Form returns for all Health Trusts between 23rd March and 2:rd June 2020.

I would like copies of each return from each individual Trust over the period 23 rd March to 23 rd June 2020

I apologise if I am repeating the response below but I wanted to be sure that my request is clear.

Please let me have copies of all Covid19 mortality surveillance e form Welsh Clinical Portal returns from all Health Trusts between 23rd March and 23rd June 2020.

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request. Public Health Wales does indeed hold this information, however the forms contain the personal data of individuals that have passed away.

While the data protection act does not cover deceased individuals, we do have a duty of confidentiality to their families. There is of course, a public interest in the information that surrounds Covid-19 Mortality rates, however, this does not outweigh the responsibility we have to protect the family's personal data and the duty of confidence that we have towards them.

Therefore, we are declining to provide the information under Section 41 Confidentiality, of the Freedom of Information Act 2005, on the basis that we received the information from someone else; and complying with the request would be a breach of confidence that is actionable.

Mortality data that we receive from health boards is published rapidly via our dashboard and that information can be found here: [Covid-19 Surveillance](#)

Further data can be found via the Office of National Statistics and can be found here:

[ONS Covid-19 Mortality Rates](#)

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