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**From:** FOI (Public Health Wales)  
**Subject:** FW: Measles Information

Many thanks for this information. To clarify, 64 people stayed overnight in a hospital in the ABMU area - out of which, 44 were found to have the measles?

I don't quite understand the following sentence. Does this sentence suggest otherwise?:

"64 persons were admitted with a suspected measles diagnosis and met the criteria of admission (i.e. admitted and discharged on different dates on hospital information system)."

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In regards to your request for information about the measles outbreak detailed below in red text.

**In the following link it states that 1,200 potential cases of measles were reported in the Swansea and Neath Port Talbot area, with 437 laboratory confirmed and 64 people were assessed in or admitted to hospital:**

**<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/secret-welsh-measles-outbreaks-highlight-8194431>**

**Could you kindly explain what exactly the 64 people assessed in or admitted to hospital means in terms of how many people were simply assessed in hospital rather than by a gp and how many were actually admitted for a stay at a hospital due to a measles infection?**

Public Health Wales has just run the analysis again on the original data set. 64 persons were admitted with a suspected measles diagnosis and met the criteria of admission (i.e. admitted and discharged on different dates on hospital information system). This data was extracted retrospectively from the hospital information system by a Consultant in Communicable Disease Control and the Infection Control staff from ABMU **and so only applies to ABMU patients**. The initial figure notified verbally as being admitted of 88 which is also in the outbreak report, could not be confirmed by this method. There may have been other cases admitted elsewhere or not notified to Public Health Wales as admitted which would not have been captured by this method.

However, we know that all these cases were clinically suspected as cases and notified as such and stayed in hospital as admitted patients from one date to another.

44 patients tested positive for measles of the sample assessed for hospitalisation.

I hope this information is useful to your research.

**Kind regards**

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