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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Date information is due to be sent	16th November 2020

Information Requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would request the following information:

1. Analysis of death rates over the last 5 years (but also including 2010/11) clearly identifying how many deaths in each year and especially during 2020 are deemed excess.
2. Given the data on dramatically low levels of flu consultations during 2020 as shown in <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=457&pid=34338> could you provide the number of flu cases and Covid cases cumulatively in comparison to those of just flu over the previous 5 years (but also including 2010/11 as shown in these tables).
3. Of the recorded deaths "with Covid" the numbers that contracted this after being admitted to hospital.

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request.

With regard to questions 1 and 2 this information is not held by Public Health Wales and may be accessed through the Office of National Statistics.

Please find a link below:-

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

Alternatively, you may wish to direct your enquiry to the Office of National Statistics and I attach a link to their FOI team for your convenience:-

foi.team@ons.gov.uk

Unfortunately Public Health Wales does not hold the information requested for question 3.

Public Health Wales publish an interactive dashboard where you can find information around Covid-19 cases and deaths across Wales. This is updated at 2pm on a daily basis. The link to the dashboard is here:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

There is information held about the hospital onset of coronavirus but not deaths resulting from hospital transmission.

You may wish to consider contacting the Health Boards for this information and their details can be found below:-

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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