Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Date information is due to be sent	27 July 2020

Information Requested:

1.) When you had the first covid-19 case?

2.) When you had your first covid-19 related death?

3.) Is there a town/towns which had no covid-19 cases/deaths in your authority area?

4.) At the time of recording 7 covid-19 related deaths, how many other deaths had you recorded for other causes?

5.) What is the age range of the covid-19 cases you had and the covid-19 related deaths which you had?

6.) How many deaths related to covid-19 were there in care homes?

7.) What was the ethnicity of the covid-19 cases and the covid-19 related deaths?

8.) Were all the covid-19 cases and covid-19 deaths in high populated areas where people were living in close proximity?

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request. Public Health Wales does not hold all of the information you have asked for, but in order to assist I have located the information within other organisation's websites and provided links and an explanation on how to find the information you need.

We have recently published an interactive dashboard that allows the user to look at data around testing and confirmed cases by local Health Board as well as the Local Authority area. The link to the dashboard is below as you may find it useful:

[Covid-19 Surveillance](#)

This can also be found on the Public Health Wales internet page under Topics.

For your specific questions, please find responses below.

1) First confirmed case - 13 March 2020

2) First Covid Death this occurred week ending 27th March 2020.

3) Towns with no Covid - we only hold information down to local authority, not down to individual towns, but you should be able to find it via the link I have provided to the Office of National Statistics Data shown below:

[Deaths Involving Covid 19](#)

There is a green banner on the right hand side, if you click this it will give you more information about what is included in the data, then this link [Deaths involving COVID-19 by local area and deprivation](#) will take you to the data file. On the Table 2 tab, you can filter on Ceredigion and any other towns you may require information for. It will show you the most up to date

You may also find this link helpful from ONS, it allows you to check Covid-19 deaths by postcode.

[ONS MSOA Map - Covid 19](#)

4) We do not hold this information but you should be able to find it via the ONS link. [Deaths Involving Covid 19](#)

5) We do not hold this information down to local authority level, but you should be able to find it via the ONS link above.

6) This information is not held by us but is available on the Welsh Government Website, which has been provided to them by Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW). If

you require information down to a lower level than what is shown, please contact CIW.

https://gov.wales/notifications-deaths-residents-related-covid-19-adult-care-homes-1-march-19-june-2020-html

On Table 7, there is a tab where you can filter to Ceredigion and shows 0 deaths in care homes.

7) & 8) Public Health Wales are responsible for the rapid surveillance of Covid-19 testing and confirmed cases. Unfortunately we do not currently hold information on the link to ethnicity or population density, however this link from ONS may help.

ONS - Covid-19 Deaths by Ethnic Group

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, you should write to the Corporate Complaints Manager, Public Health Wales NHS Trust, 3, Number 2, Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ.

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:

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