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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Information Requested:

I would respectfully like to request all information and test results you have that relate to the Pwllfawatkin site located near the village of Cwmgors in the Amman valley.

GCG community council and have received many calls from constituents to investigate the site and the foul smells that originate from there and have spoken with several parties, including FCC who are the current owners.

We have been informed of the air quality tests conducted at the site and the surrounding area on many occasions. Workers also have gas testers onsite and on their person as a precaution.

May we then assume that harmful gases are present onsite and there is a real threat, also that the foul odour cloaking the village at times has the potential to be harmful? The effects may not manifest themselves in the short term, however, could pose a real threat to residents in the future and we would like to provide feedback and answers to our constituents.

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent FOI request. Public Health Wales has not received any complaints, queries or test results in relation to Pwllfawatkin, therefore we do not hold any of the information you are requesting.

We would suggest you contact the Local Authority for that area, who may have the information you require.

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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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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