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## Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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### Information Requested:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information about in-patient mental health care during coronavirus:

1a. Within the in-patient facilities/health boards that fall under Public Health Wales' remit, how many patients have died from coronavirus? Please provide data over the broadest timeframe you can, within the cost limits of the Freedom of Information Act. Please also provide dates of patients' deaths. If that would identify them, please provide the week they died or, if that would still identify them, the month. I understand that most patients with severe coronavirus will have been transferred to acute units, if that helps with your search. Please also provide me with a rough figure of the total number of mental health in-patients in facilities that fall under Public Health Wales' remit.

1b. If you cannot provide the information requested in 1a, please explain why. Please also explain why you are not collecting data on people receiving in-patient mental health treatment who have died from coronavirus.

2. Since 1 March, what guidance has Public Health Wales sent to in-patient mental health facilities/health boards around how to manage coronavirus within in-patient mental health settings? Please provide the documentation you have sent, be it emails or formal documents, and the dates when you sent it.

Please be advised that I have asked the health boards for the total number of their mental health in-patients who have died from coronavirus in Wales. Please note, I still expect an answer from yourselves on this.

### **Information provided for the answer:**

Thank you for your recent request. Public Health Wales does have a responsibility for any provided in-patient mental health services.

I note that you have already contacted the various Health Boards in Wales, they are the correct organisations to go to in order to answer your questions.

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:

Information Commissioner for Wales

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