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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

FOI Reference:

FOI 488

Date request received

4th November 2020

Date information is due to be sent

2nd December 2020

Information requested:

Could you tell me what is the Covid infection rate for Merthyr in actual numbers not per 100,000?

Why has Merthyr had more tests per head of population compared with the rest of Wales?

Why has Merthyr been near or at the top of infection rates for months and where are these communities with high infection rates?

Finally, are these deaths anything to do with the outbreak at Royal Glamorgan in September?

Information provided:

Thank you for your request for information and with regard to questions 1-3, I can advise that the Freedom of Information Act covers any recorded information that is held by a public authority.

Recorded information held by Public Health Wales concerning Covid -19 for Merthyr Tydfil is publically available on the Public Health Wales website and I attach a link below:-

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

▼ < | **Headline summary** | Summary | Daily charts | Local Authorities table

**Public Health Wales
Rapid COVID-19 surveillance**

📱 Go to mobile friendly version | ☁️ Download data

Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 case total

of which were new reports today

If you click on the download data icon, having opened the link, the raw data can be accessed.

Further information can also be accessed by clicking the Local Authority table and by clicking on the MSOA tab which will provide further details regarding Merthyr Tydfil.

I also find attach link to our website which comments on the cluster of cases in Merthyr Tydfil:-

<https://phw.nhs.wales/news/cluster-of-covid-cases-in-merthyr-tydfil/>

Further information may be held by Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council and I attach a link to their webpage below:-

<https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/coronavirus>

You may also wish to contact the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board who may be able to assist you with your enquiries further.

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

<https://cwmtafmorgannwg.wales/foi/>

Question 4 – Unfortunately this information is not held.

I am sorry that I cannot be of more help on this occasion.

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