To whom it may concern,

I would like to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information act 2000.

I would like to ask the following questions.

I am resending it as I have had no correspondence at all as of yet. Thanks in advance and a happy new year to you.

1. How many people have died of coronavirus / Covid19 with no underlying health issues in Wales
2. How many people have died with Coronavirus / Covid19 mentioned on the death certificate?
3. On average how many people die from suicide every year in Wales as an example over the last ten years?
4. How many people have died from suicide this year in Wales?
5. How many cycles do you run the PCR test at?
6. How many people die with flu or pneumonia as the main cause of death in Wales on average every year for example over the last ten years.
7. How many have died with flu or pneumonia as the main cause of death in Wales this year?
8. What is your standard treatment protocol for patients with Covid 19?

   If no standard, what are the range of treatments used for Covid 19?
Thank you for your recent request.

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

This will give you information on the total number of deaths that have been reported to PHW, where there was a laboratory test that confirmed a diagnosis of Covid-19 within the last 28 days.

There is also a tab for Office of National Statistics deaths, which included further information on total deaths for the given time period. I also attach a link to the ONS website as they may be able to assist you further with your enquiries:-

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

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You may wish to forward your request to the Health Boards in Wales who may be able to assist you further.

Please find attached the relevant links 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
5. The real-time PCR assays in use in Wales for COVID-19 diagnostics all run for 45 cycles however, the cycle number where the sample is defined as RNA NOT DETECTED varies by platform and target gene detected by the system. This is defined by the manufacturer. One platform (Hologic) is isothermal, this means it does not cycle through temperature changes in the same way as the real-time PCR systems, therefore CT values are not reported by this system.

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The flu reports that Public Health Wales produce are all available via the link below.


If you require more specific information concerning hospitals and flu admissions you may wish to contact the Health Boards for further information

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Public Health Wales does not hold this information and you may wish to direct your enquiries to the Health Boards, these links were provided for question 3 and 4 above.

I hope that this information is of assistance.

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