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Our Ref: lab/FOI 21-003

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Dear Sir

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, received on 4th January 2020, reference number **FOI 21-003**. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding. I can confirm that the Health Board has completed a search of its records and has established that in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 of the Act.

How many people have died in your Local Health Board 'from' COVID 19 alone? As in they died only due to COVID 19. I can see the figures that you published online, but these are deaths with COVID 19 following testing positive with a RT PCR test, so they could of died from other causes. I just want to know the exact figure from 1st February 2020 until the 31st December of people that have died due to COVID 19 and not anything else please.

The Health Board reports every death in our hospitals to Public Health Wales (PHW), this includes all causation factors. Public Health Wales will then perform statistical alignment meeting the definition of a COVID death and the patient place of residence as some of the Health Board area residents may die in other hospitals outside of the Aneurin Bevan Health Board responsibility. All Health Board deaths data is reported on the Public Health Wales website and in the Office of National Statistics (ONS) data.

Please refer to PHW website and PHW for further information via the following link below:

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

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Please contact Richard Howells, Board Secretary, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Headquarters, St Cadoc's Hospital, Lodge Road, Caerleon, Newport, NP18 3XQ, email: ABB.BoardSecretary@wales.nhs.uk in the first instance if you wish to request a review.

If you are still dissatisfied at the end of the review, you have the right to take your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at the following address:

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Yours sincerely



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