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University Health Board

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_159_21

Thank you for your request for information received on the 12 April 2021. Please find the response from Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board set out below:

You asked:

How many suicides have there been since 2019 to 2020?

Our response:

Since 2019 to 2020 (01/01/2019 – 31/12/2019), there have been 39 suicides for Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board residents only.

Please note, the source of the data used for this response is the Office of National Statistics (ONS) data Registered Deaths, supplied to us via NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS). As such, there will be a time lag on the reporting of deaths, as ONS data awaits the official clinical determination of death.

* Where coding systems are used in a clinical environment, suicide is not a recorded method of death in the data coded and does not cover that element. You will only find the cause recorded as a primary diagnosis via clinical coding if that is subsequently the main condition being treated during that admission.

As a result of this we have used the ONS data, as these patients are recoded with the coroner code for known method of death – That comes under codes for Suicide, self-harm with method, with intent to end life. This also includes use of drugs and alcohol.

We trust that this provides the information that you require. Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information policy, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request an internal

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review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request please contact me directly at the address below. If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

- Information Commissioner's Office - Wales
2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH
- Telephone: 0330 414 6421 / Email: wales@ico.gsi.gov.uk
- <https://ico.org.uk/>

You should note, however, that the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted our internal complaints procedures before dealing with such an application. Further guidance may be found on the Information Commissioner's website [click here](#).

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

The Freedom of Information Team /Y Tîm Rhyddid Gwybodaeth