



Ein cyf/Our ref: WQ80372

Darren Millar MS
Welsh Parliament
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5 June 2020

Dear Darren,

I'm writing in response to WQ80372: How many patients, per local health board, were discharged from hospital into care homes since 1 March 2020?

Please see the following table in relation to the number of discharges from NHS Wales hospitals to Care Home discharge destinations in March and April 2020, which has been provided by NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS) on 28th May 2020.

The number¹ of discharges from NHS Wales hospitals to select discharge destinations² by local health board, March and April 2020

	Mar-20	Apr-20
Aneurin Bevan	251	141
Betsi Cadwaladr	200	134
Cardiff and Vale University	98	58
Cwm Taf Morgannwg	60	47
Hywel Dda	96	58
Powys	53	17
Swansea Bay	68	47
Total	826	502

1) Data sourced from management information, is subject to revision and may differ from official statistics

2) Data has been extracted on the basis of old and new discharge codes, including the following destinations of discharge: Local Authority Part 3 residential accommodation i.e. where care is provided, NHS run nursing home, group home or residential care home, Non-NHS (other than local authority) run nursing home, Non-NHS (other than local authority) run residential care home, Permanent residence at nursing home, residential care home and Temporary residence at nursing home, residential care home

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Welsh Government issued discharge guidance - *COVID-19: Hospital Discharge Service Requirements* – on 8 April 2020. It has since been updated by the issuing of an addendum on 29 April 2020 - *COVID-19: Update to step-up & step-down care arrangements guidance* - to reflect the changes in testing on hospital discharge for people with a social care package and to include an additional discharge pathway for people normally resident in care homes. All the guidance that has been published as part of the *Hospital Discharge Service Requirements* is available within the attached link:

<https://gov.wales/hospital-discharge-service-requirements-covid-19>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V'.

Vaughan Gething AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
Minister for Health and Social Services