



Access to Public Information Request

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Access to Public Information request regarding COVID cases and testing costs

Request:

1. The average age of those who have died with covid-19
2. Number of people hospitalised due to covid-19 in wave 1 vs wave 2
3. Number of people out of the current 821 positive results who were asymptomatic
4. The cost to date for covid-19 testing (or as up-to-date as you can report on)
5. The anticipated cost of the vaccination programme (or the cost to purchase and administer the two doses required for an individual)
6. The number of deaths from suicide in the last five years broken down by year

Response provided by Public Health Services and the Policy & Resources Committee:

1. The average age of those who have died with covid-19?

88 years

2. Number of people hospitalised due to covid-19 in wave 1 vs wave 2

During Wave 1 there were 22 people requiring hospital care which was 8.7% of confirmed cases. During Wave 2 there were 15 people, which was 2.9% of confirmed cases. This is likely to be a reflection of how a larger proportion of

infections in Wave 2 were in a younger demographic, and of the protections afforded by the vaccine which had begun to be distributed in Wave 2.

3. Number of people out of the current 821 positive results who were asymptomatic

123 of the 821 cases (14.9%) reviewed at 30-days post infection had remained asymptomatic throughout the course of their infection.

4. The cost to date for covid-19 testing (or as up-to-date as you can report on)

The cost (including travel testing) to end of March 2021 was £2.9million (revenue) and £1.2million (capital).

5. The anticipated cost of the vaccination programme (or the cost to purchase and administer the two doses required for an individual)

The cost of the vaccine programme is £420k (capital) and £2.33million (revenue). This covers the administration of two doses of vaccine for each individual aged over 18.

6. The number of deaths from suicide in the last five years broken down by year

The data for the number of sudden deaths in the period of January - March 2021 is not yet available.

The below data shows three things, the number of sudden deaths recorded, the number of those deaths still awaiting an inquest, and the number of suicides recorded after an inquest.

Suicide is a coronial verdict which can only be given following an inquest.

The same data for 2019 is also shown below for comparison.

2020	
Sudden Deaths	74
Pending inquest	2
Suicide verdict at inquest	5

2019	
Sudden Deaths	57
Pending inquest	10

Suicide verdict at inquest	4
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The statistics for previous years can be found in the Bailiwick Law Enforcement Annual Reports which are published here: [Annual Reports - Guernsey Police](#)