

Witness name: Sean Cavens

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

EXHIBIT WITN1146011



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Dear Mr Cavens

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information in which we received on 13/05/2019.

Your Request and the Velindre University NHS Trust response are shown below:

1. How many beneficiaries are registered with WIBSS?

WIBSS has 175 living beneficiaries and 37 widows/widowers/bereaved partners.

2. What categories are they in? Eg Chronic/Advanced Hep C, HIV, Co-Infected, widows

Hep C Stage 1	43
Hep C Stage 1+	70
Hep C Stage 2	44
HIV	**
HIV and Hep C Stage 1	**
HIV and Hep C Stage 1+	11
HIV and Hep C Stage 2	**

3. Since July 2017, how many Welsh victims of the Contaminated Blood Scandal have passed away?

2 beneficiaries.



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Please note the Trust is applying Section 40 (2) personal information for part of your request, this is to protect the confidentiality of individuals involved, we have not given precise figures where the number was fewer than five. Such cases are indicated with an **.

We are unable to give you any further details because by doing so we would be breaching the data protection law rights of those individuals.

Therefore, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Velindre NHS Trust is relying on the Section 40 exemption within the Act in order to protect the identity of that individual as the exemption relates to personal information.

Section 40 (2) of FOIA therefore applies as the release of the requested information within the public domain and in response to a FOIA request would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and it would be contrary to Data Protection law Principles and Conditions for the processing of personal data to disclose this information.

To place the Section 40 exemption into context then the definition of personal data means data which relate to a living individual who can be identified.

- (a) from those data, or
- (b) from those data and other information which is in the possession of, or is likely to come into the possession of, the data controller

Because of the very low numbers involved in relation to the initial question then any further information requested would increase the likelihood of identification of that individual and so breach the Principles of Data Protection law.

This is an absolute exemption and so no public interest test applies.

I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to complain and request a review. You should forward your complaint to:-



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Should you wish to take your complaint further, if you are still unhappy with the decision after review, you can contact the:-

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Yours sincerely

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