



Our ref: WQ86139  
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Dear Russell,

Thank you for your written question WQ86139 asking the First Minister to set out: *how many of the 1,619 nosocomial COVID-19 investigations have been completed by health boards; when those investigations were completed; and, if unable to provide an answer, set out the reasons why.* I am responding as this matter falls under my area of responsibility as Minister for Health and Social Services. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

The data provided by NHS Wales Delivery Unit (DU) at the end of November identifies 3389 Covid-19 investigations have been completed by health boards (HBs).

The table below shows the breakdown of completed investigations at Health Board level.

Health Board	Total Completed Investigations.
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	342
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	912
Cardiff and Vale University Health Board	950
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	502
Hywel Dda University Health Board	161
Powys Teaching Health Board	120
Swansea Bay University Health Board	384
Velindre NHS Trust	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>3389</b>

This information supports the Delivery Unit (DU) to monitor the progress of HBs as they investigate health care acquired Covid-19. It identifies HBs that require further support, as well as highlighting shared learning opportunities.

The 3389 completed cases include cases where a full investigation has taken place, where initial investigations have determined the case doesn't meet the definition of health care acquired Covid-19 or have been assessed as cases where less than moderate harm has taken place. The Delivery unit uses the data to assess progress and identify HBs that may require further assistance.

The Welsh Government does not hold information on when individual cases are completed as this is not a practical measure due to the huge complexity of the process. Further information about the investigation process can be found in the following links:

National Framework - <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/docopen/363411>

Frequently Asked Questions - [National Nosocomial COVID-19 Programme: patient and family frequently asked questions \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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