



**Gofynner am/
Please ask for:** Information Governance
and Compliance
Tel: 01443232000
E-bost/E-mail: DataProtection@southwales-fire.gov.uk
Our ref: IG000681
Dyddiad/Date: 18 January 2020

RE: Request for Information held by SWFRS

Your request ref: IG000681 has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

You asked us:

How many full-time firefighters employed within your service were forced to self-isolate after:

- ***testing positive for Covid-19***, See confirmed category definition and table below
- ***living with someone who had contracted the virus or had symptoms of it***, See self-isolating category definition and table below *
- ***having symptoms of coronavirus***, See symptoms category definition and table below
- ***being in close contact with someone in their support bubble that had symptoms*** - See self-isolating category definition and table below
- ***had tested positive for Covid-19***, See confirmed category definition and table below
- ***told by NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate*** See self-isolation category definition and table below
- ***the NHS Covid-19 app to self-isolate***, See self-isolation category definition and table below
- ***arriving in the UK after visiting a country with a high coronavirus risk over this period?*** 0

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service maintain COVID-19 records in three categories

- **Confirmed (COVID-19)**- employees who have received a positive COVID-19 test result
- **Symptoms (suspected COVID-19)** – employees who have symptoms of COVID-19 and not yet had their test results. This category also includes employees who were not able to access a COVID-19 test in April 2020
- **Self-Isolating** – employees who have been required to self-isolate due to being in close contact with someone who had symptoms or tested positive, lives with someone who had symptoms or tested positive, contacted by PHW TTP and required to self-isolate and those who are required to shield due to being classed as extremely vulnerable, or those assessed by our Occupational Health team of being high risk of serious complications if they contract COVID-19.

Pencadlys Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub De Cymru,
Parc Busnes Forest View, Llantrisant, Pont-y-clun, CF72 8LX.

Ffôn 01443 232000 • Ffacs 01443 232180
www.decymru-tan.gov.uk

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y gymraeg a'r saesneg - byddwn yn ymateb yn gyfartal i'r ddau ac yn ateb yn eich dewis iaith heb oedi.

CODI YMWHYBYDDIAETH - LLEIHAW PERYGL

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters,
Forest View Business Park, Llantrisant, Pontyclun, CF72 8LX.

Telephone 01443 232000 • Fax 01443 232180
www.southwales-fire.gov.uk

We welcome correspondence in Welsh and English - we will respond equally to both and will reply in your language of choice without delay.

RAISING AWARENESS - REDUCING RISK



	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Confirmed	4	2	0	0	0	3	13	16	49
Symptoms	18	8	3	1	3	20	15	9	22
Self-Isolating	51	31	19	13	18	77	62	63	95

Overall, for how long (in hours) over the month period did fire stations under the authority of your fire service lose full time cover as a result of such isolation due to Covid-19? 0

How many retained firefighters had to be used over this period in replacement? 0

If you have any queries regarding your Freedom of Information request, please contact us at Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk quoting the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are dissatisfied with the way that your information request has been handled, you can request an internal review by emailing Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal to the

Information Commissioner at:
Information Commissioner's Office-Wales,
2nd Floor,
Churchill House,
Churchill Way,
Cardiff,
CF10 2HH.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours Faithfully

Information Governance and Compliance

Pencadlys Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub De Cymru,
Parc Busnes Forest View, Llantrisant, Pont-y-clun, CF72 8LX.

Ffôn 01443 232000 • Ffacs 01443 232180
www.decymru-tan.gov.uk

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y gymraeg a'r saesneg - byddwn yn ymateb yn gyfartal i'r ddau ac yn ateb yn eich dewis iaith heb oedi.

CODI YMWHYBYDDIAETH - LLEIHAU PERYGL

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters,
Forest View Business Park, Llantrisant, Pontyclun, CF72 8LX.

Telephone 01443 232000 • Fax 01443 232180
www.southwales-fire.gov.uk

We welcome correspondence in Welsh and English - we will respond equally to both and will reply in your language of choice without delay.

RAISING AWARENESS - REDUCING RISK



UPDATE COVID-19: Information Requests

We are kindly asking that any data protection correspondence come to Information Governance & Compliance via email, as due to Government advice many of our support staff are working flexibly and we may not be in receipt of physical post as normal. SWFRS anticipates that it may take us longer than 20 working days to complete Freedom of Information Requests and Subject Access Requests. The Information Commissioner recognises that there might be delays as our services and resources may be being utilised in slightly different ways, under the current unprecedented circumstances. At current, we are no longer accepting physical postal cheques, however we can accept BACs payments for items that carry a fee (such as IRS Reports and Interviews, where appropriate following standard procedure and charges).

We would like to thank you for your patience at this time.

Pencadlys Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub De Cymru,
Parc Busnes Forest View, Llantrisant, Pont-y-clun, CF72 8LX.

Ffôn 01443 232000 • Ffacs 01443 232180
www.decymru-tan.gov.uk

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y gymraeg a'r saesneg - byddwn yn ymateb yn gyfartal i'r ddau ac yn ateb yn eich dewis iaith heb oedi.

CODI YMWHYBYDDIAETH - LLEIHAU PERYGL

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters,
Forest View Business Park, Llantrisant, Pontyclun, CF72 8LX.

Telephone 01443 232000 • Fax 01443 232180
www.southwales-fire.gov.uk

We welcome correspondence in Welsh and English - we will respond equally to both and will reply in your language of choice without delay.

RAISING AWARENESS - REDUCING RISK