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Dear ,

ATISN 12802 – Defibrillators/Sepsis Early Identification

Thank you for your email enquiry of 8 August to the Welsh Government which requested information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000): You asked for:

How many defibrillators are installed in Wales and where are they located?

What strategies are in place nationally for the early identification of sepsis?

How many known deaths can be attributed to sepsis?

Defibrillators

The Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST) has the location of public Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) on a database which can be used to provide support when a call for a cardiac arrest is made. The database can be accessed online via the NHS Direct Wales' local service finder

<http://www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk/localservices/searchlocalservices.aspx?s=DefibrillatorLocations>.

The latest information held by Welsh Government shows at 1 October 2018 there were 2,763 AED's recorded on the WAST database. We encourage all organisations and communities, if they have not already done so, to register their defibrillators via the WAST webpage.

Sepsis

Wales is seen as leading the way in the UK in making sepsis recognition and treatment a top priority. This is being supported at a national level by the 1000 Lives improvement service. Wales was the first country in the world to implement the National Early Warning Score system – known as NEWS - to ensure early escalation of deteriorating patients. This means we are using a common language throughout NHS Wales to communicate about deterioration and sepsis.

<http://www.1000livesplus.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/documents/1011/Rapid%20response%20%20page%20leaflet.pdf>

Every hospital in Wales is now using NEWS including community hospitals, residential homes for the elderly and in mental health services. The standardisation of best practice has led to similar standardisation in training methods. An online e-learning tool is available which is the result of a collaboration between 1000 Lives and Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) produce Mortality Statistics. The latest data for deaths show that there were 191 deaths registered in 2017 where the underlying cause was sepsis in Wales,. Here is a link to the ONS analysis:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/adhocs/009351numberofdeathsrelatingtosepsisbyplaceofdeathregionsofenglandandwalesdeathsregistered2015to2017>

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Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: FreedomofInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
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Yours sincerely,