



Our Ref: ATISN 10717

23 September 2016

Dear ,

Thank you for your email of 02 September requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You asked for information on the amount of money spent on administration in the NHS in Wales, along with the cost of employing Dr Frank Atherton and his staff.

I wrote to you on 12 September explaining that without clarification of “the amount of money spent on administration”, I am unable to take forward this part of your request.

You also asked for the cost of employing Dr Frank Atherton and his staff. Dr Atherton is employed on a salary band of £190,000 to £195,000. He is supported by a team of two office staff, who were existing employees of the Welsh Government prior to his arrival, comprising 0.8 x MB3 grade and 1 x SEA grade. The pay scales for these posts are between £23,400 and £26,400 for MB3, and £29,100 and £34,750 for SEA. In addition, there are on-costs including pension contributions and employers national insurance that amount to around 30% of the salary amounts.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government’s handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government’s Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ
Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely