



Our Ref: ATISN: 10847

09 November 2016

Dear ,

Request for Information – reference ATISN 10847 – Stoma Sponsorship

I am responding to your request of 12 October under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). You asked for:

- 1. Details of Stoma care sponsorship for each local health board in Wales, as follows:-
 - the sponsoring company,
 - costs and capital incentives,
 - the number of sponsored positions and corresponding grades.*
- 2. Any abnormal occurrences recorded in respect of the use of fluid and food thickeners supplied into both primary and secondary care by local health boards, nature of occurrence and clinical outcome, and any ongoing recommendations.*
- 3. Any abnormal occurrences recorded in respect of the use of iodine based dressings available in both primary and secondary care by local health boards, nature of occurrence and clinical outcome, and any ongoing recommendations.*
- 4. Current position of the Welsh Government in regard to company sponsorship of stoma, continence and Tv teams.*
- 5. Any proposed or ongoing investigations/ legislation in regard to stoma sponsorship.*

The Welsh Government holds no information in relation to your request. Local health boards in Wales may hold information to answer parts 1-3 of your request. The relevant contact details can be accessed from the attached link:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/ourservices/directory/LocalHealthBoards>

We understand the contractual arrangements in place for the provision of stoma care are currently being reviewed by the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership and local health boards, who are engaging with stoma manufacturers and patient groups.

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
or 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,