Grŵp Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Health and Social Services Group

Our Ref: ATISN 10763



6 December 2016

Dear,

Complaint in respect of Request for Information – reference ATISN 10763 – Doctors and Nurses in Wales.

I am writing further to your letter received 8 November, in which you expressed dissatisfaction with the response provided to you, in relation to the above FOI request. I have now conducted an internal review of your case.

Under the Freedom of Information Act the Welsh Government has 20 working days to respond to a request for information, counting the first working day after the request is received as the first day. Your request for information was received on 14 September; therefore I am content the time allowed under the act was complied with.

The Freedom of Information Act covers all <u>recorded information</u> held by a public authority at the time a request was received. Having reviewed our original response, I am satisfied that the Welsh Government does not hold any information of the type described in points 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 your request.

In respect of points 1 and 2, as NHS staff are employed by health boards and trusts, the Welsh Government would not hold this data. However, you may be able to obtain the information you require by contacting these bodies:

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board

1 Talbot Gateway Baglan Energy Park Port Talbot SA12 7BR

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

Headquarters St Cadoc's Hospital



Parc Cathays • Cathays Park
Caerdydd • Cardiff
CF10 3NO

Lodge Road Caerleon Newport NP18 3XQ

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Block 5 Carlton Court St Asaph Business Park St Asaph LL17 0JG

Cardiff and Vale UHB Headquarters

University Hospital of Wales (UHW) Heath Park Cardiff CF14 4XW

Cwm Taf University Health Board

Headquarters Ynysmeurig House Navigation Park Abercynon CF45 4SN

Hywel Dda University Health Board

Fishguard Road Haverfordwest SA61 2PZ

Powys Teaching Health Board

Mansion House Bronllys Brecon Powys LD3 0LS

Public Health Wales

2 Capital Quarter Tyndall Street Cardiff CF10 4BZ

Velindre Cancer Centre

Velindre Road Whitchurch Cardiff CF14 2TL



Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust

H.M.Stanley Hospital St Asaph Denbighshire Wales LL17 0RS

The information requested in points 3 and 4 is not collated by the Welsh Government; however you may be able to acquire this information from the two medical schools in Wales at:

Cardiff University

Cardiff Wales CF10 3AT

Swansea University

Singleton Park Swansea Wales SA2 8PP

In respect of point 6, any professional staff who may work at the Wales Deanery are employed by Cardiff University. They may hold the information you require, their contact details can be found above should you wish to write to them.

You asked for information on the Wales Deanery, please find attached at Annex A the Wales Deanery Strategic Plan 2014-2019 taken from their website which you may find useful.

Please note that section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act sets out the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so. In cases where a public authority is not able to comply with a request (or to comply with it in full) because it does not hold the information requested, part three of the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs' Code of Practice on the discharge of public authorities' functions under Part 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (issued under section 45 of the Act), states that if a public authority does not hold the information requested but has reason to believe that some or all of it is held by *another* public authority, the authority should consider what would be the most helpful way of assisting the applicant with his or her request.

The Code states that, in most cases, this is likely to involve:

- contacting the applicant and informing him or her that the information requested may be held by another public authority;
- suggesting that the applicant re-applies to the authority which the original authority believes may hold the information; and
- providing him or her with contact details for that authority".



I apologise that in our response to you of 12 October, we did not provide contact details for all bodies that may hold the information requested.

I am satisfied that in providing you with the information we do hold, and providing contact details for the public bodies who might hold the information that we do not, the Welsh Government acted in accordance with our obligations to provide assistance. To that end, I do not uphold your complaint.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745 Fax: 01625 524 510

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae Pencoed Bridgend CF35 5LJ

Telephone: 0845 6010987 (local rate)

Yours sincerely

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