



Our Ref: ATISN 11165

Date: 4 April 2017

Dear ,

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Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on 8 March. You asked for information for NHS Wales data 2015-2016 for dental contracts, dispensing pharmacies and dispensing opticians.

Welsh Government holds some, but not all of the information you requested. The information is already published and can be accessed at the following links:

1. The Community Pharmacy Services statistical release is published annually which provides some of the detail you have requested on community pharmacy. The latest publication (Oct 2016) can be accessed at <http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/community-pharmacy-services/?lang=en>
2. The data we hold on dispensing opticians is published in: <http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/eye-care/?lang=en>

This information is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act and is withheld as it is reasonably accessible by other means.

3. We do not hold information on dental contracts.

However, I have provided links to other organisations which may be helpful to you.

1. Dental contracts (UDA)

Information on dental services can be obtained on request from the NHS Business Services Authority – Dental Services: <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/DentalServices.aspx>

You will need to make a request to:

nhsbsa.foirequest@nhs.net



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website:

<http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/FreedomOfInformation.aspx>

2. Dispensing Pharmacies and Dispensing opticians

The NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership collects and verifies claims for payment from Community Pharmacies, Dental practices and, Dispensing Opticians. They also make available a range of information which can be accessed at:

www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/955/home

With regard to information on dispensing pharmacies and dispensing opticians 2015-2016, you may wish to consider re-directing your FOI to NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership.

The contact details for a Freedom of Information request for the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership are below:

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E-mail: shared.services@wales.nhs.uk

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

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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,