



Ein cyf/Our ref: ATISN 11988

27 February 2018

Dear ,

ATISN 11988 – Correspondence between 1 December 2017- 30 January 2018

Thank you for your request which I received on 30 January 2018. You asked for any correspondence (email, text and letter or otherwise) produced, compiled, sought or requested by Ministers, Special Advisors, Officials and or Civil Servants between 1 December 2017 to 30 January 2018 that include the keywords, Hywel Dda Health Board, Withybush, Hospital, Closure, Preseli Pembrokeshire, Paul Davies or Angela Burns.

Welsh Government holds information within the scope of this request, however I believe this information is exempt under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 12 of the Act states a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information in circumstances where it estimates the cost of compliance would exceed “the appropriate limit”. The appropriate limit is defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. In the case of the Welsh Government the limit is set at £600. When calculating whether or not your request exceeds the appropriate limit, I am allowed to consider the time it is likely to take to establish if we hold the information, locate the information, retrieve the information and extract it. If these tasks are estimated to take more than 24 hours of working time (at a standard rate of £25 per hour) the limit will have been exceeded.

The Welsh Government saves information on several electronic and hard copy filing systems. The information you have requested is not held on a single file nor inbox.



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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

In conducting a small sample of the information held, it has taken ten seconds per keyword search of one inbox. Given the scope of the request which would include searches required for the words individually, 5,282 civil servants (based on the latest published figures as of 6 February 2018) inboxes would need to be explored. Therefore searching for this information would take over 6,162 hours (or over £154,057). This significantly exceeds the appropriate limit set under the 2004 Regulations. For these reasons I have concluded that your request should be refused on the basis.

In the circumstances, we will not take any additional action in relation to this request and any further request for information received from you will be logged and handled as a new request.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. I will only use this personal information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. I will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log:

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/foi/responses/?lang=en>

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@gov.wales

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,