

20 November 2024

Dear

**ATISN 22080 – NHS Performance and Productivity Ministerial Advisory Group
(Consultation Board on Health Waiting Lists)**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 6 November 2024, and clarification received on 11 November, in which you refer to the NHS Performance and Productivity Ministerial Advisory Group. You requested the following:

- 1) *What are the annual costs for the NHS Performance and Productivity Ministerial Advisory Group?*
- 2) *How much is each member of the consultation board being paid?*
- 3) *What is the board's budget?*
- 4) *How is the board allocating financial resources?*
- 5) *What are the board's targets regarding the reduction of waiting lists?*
- 6) *What timescale is the board working on to complete its targets?*

Our Response

- 1) The NHS Performance and Productivity Ministerial Advisory Group is a time limited group due to report to the Cabinet Secretary by 31 March 2025. The costs associated to this group relate to the remuneration of members (point 2) and the payment of agreed travel and expenses in line with Welsh Government guidelines
- 2) Members of the Group will be remunerated at a rate of £478 (Chair) and £366 (Member) per day. They will be entitled to claim travel and subsistence costs at Welsh Government rates. The Chair and members of the NHS Performance and Productivity Ministerial Advisory Group have been appointed for a minimum of one and a half days per month.
- 3) As highlighted in point 1, the costs associated to this group relate to the remuneration of members (point 2) and the payment of agreed travel and expenses in line with Welsh Government guidelines
- 4) The group does not have a role in allocating of resources. It is an advisory group as set out in the published terms of reference.
- 5) The Performance and Productivity Ministerial Advisory Group terms of reference and targets are set out in the written statements as indicated below.
- 6) As highlighted in the written statements below the Performance and Productivity Ministerial Advisory Group will provide a report to the Cabinet Secretary by 31 March 2025

For reference:

Written Statement

<https://www.gov.wales/written-statement-performance-and-productivity-ministerial-advisory-group>

Terms of Reference

<https://www.gov.wales/written-statement-nhs-performance-and-productivity-ministerial-advisory-group-terms-reference>

Next Steps

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: Freedom.ofinformation@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,