

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.6915.21
<b>Subject:</b>	Artwork owned by the Health Board
<b>Date of Request:</b>	16 September 2021

**Requested:**

This is an information request relating to artwork owned by your trust. Please provide the following information:

1. How many artworks have been purchased by the trust in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21?
2. How many artworks are in the possession of the trust?
3. What is the estimated value of the artworks?
4. How many of the artworks are on public display?

Public display includes those that can be viewed by the members of the public in trust buildings. It would exclude areas of trust properties that cannot readily be entered into by members of the public.

Artwork includes, but is not limited to, paintings, photographs, sculptures and electronic art.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

The UHB does not hold a central record of artworks it owns. Therefore, in order to provide you with all of the requested data, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all purchase invoices and financial ledgers to identify the artworks and then contact the purchaser, to identify the information that would fulfil your request.

I can confirm that 154 artwork purchases have been identified in the UHB’s capital budgets ledger. Therefore, conducting the search would far exceed the ‘appropriate limit’, costing the UHB the following:

154 @ 15 minutes per item = 38.5 hours  
38.5 hours @ £25 per hour = £962.50

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, we are required as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request under FoIA.

Therefore, the UHB provides, within the table below, the number of artworks purchased by UHB, as recorded in the UHB's capital budgets ledger, during the financial years requested.

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Number</b>
2018/19	34
2019/20	96
2020/21	24

In addition to the purchases identified above, the UHB's Communications Department has commissioned fifteen (15) canvas pictures to thank staff and the public during the pandemic, at a total cost of £1,225.25. These canvasses are being displayed across the UHB and details of the locations are provided within the table overleaf.

<b>Location of canvas pictures</b>
Hafan Derwen
Prince Philip Hospital
Glangwili General Hospital (GGH)
Amman Valley Hospital
Llandovery Hospital
Withybush General Hospital
South Pembrokeshire Hospital
Tenby Cottage Hospital
Bronglais General Hospital
Aberaeron Integrated Care Centre
Cardigan Integrated Care Centre
Tregaron Hospital
North Road Clinic
Ty Gwili, GGH
Ysbyty Enfys Selwyn Samuel