

Reference:	FOI.7153.21
Subject:	Artwork owned by the Health Board
Date of Request:	12 October 2021

Requested:

This is an information request in response to FOI 6915 relating to artwork owned by your trust. Please provide the following information for a reduced timeframe:

1. How many artworks have been purchased by the trust in 2019-20 and 2020-21?
If this is still too broad then please narrow it further to only 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) confirms that it does not hold a central record of artworks purchased by the UHB. Individual departments may have purchased artworks or have artworks on loan or donated. However, it would exceed the 18 hours' time and cost limit to contact all areas of the UHB and collate the information required.

Therefore, the UHB is unable to provide you with 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.

In order to provide you with information regarding the UHB's artworks, all departments across all sites within the UHB would have to be contacted and asked to locate, identify and collate any information that would fulfil your request.

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 confirms that the information it holds on artworks purchased by the UHB were identified within the capital purchase ledgers and provided in our previous response to you in relation to FOI 6915. The UHB's Finance Team has confirmed that no artworks have been

purchased through the revenue purchase ledger, as the revenue budget is used for health expenditure only.

Furthermore, the UHB is currently at the start of its 'Arts in Health' journey, with recently appointed Arts in Health Co-ordinators, whose roles will be to develop an Arts in Health strategy and associated work programme.