

Reference:	FOI.18079.25
Subject:	Childhood immunisation payment claims
Date of Request:	14 August 2025

Requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding childhood immunisation claims (Item of Service payments) submitted as part of the nationally Directed Enhanced Services (DES) or any Local Enhanced Services (LES) relating to childhood vaccinations:

1. Since April 2021, how many GP practices within your Health Board area have submitted childhood vaccination claims (e.g. for MMR, 6-in-1, etc) after the official submission deadline?
2. Of those late claims:
 - a. How many were accepted and paid in full
 - b. How many were rejected
 - c. How many were appealed, and what were the outcomes
3. If any late claims were accepted, please outline:
 - a. The circumstances or grounds under which they were approved
 - b. Whether your Health Board applies any formal or informal discretion policy for late claim submissions.
4. Does your Health Board have a specific written policy or guidance covering how late Enhanced Service claims (especially childhood vaccinations) are managed, including appeal procedures? Can you provide a copy?

Response:

1. - 3. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the information requested. All claims are processed via the Family Practitioner Payments System (FPPS), managed by the Primary Care team based in NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP).

We therefore recommend that you redirect these parts of your request to the Freedom of Information Team in NWSSP, who should be able to help you with your enquiry. Contact details are as follows:

shared.services@wales.nhs.uk or alternatively in writing to: NWSSP, Information Governance Manager, 4-5 Charnwood Court, Heol Billingsley, Parc Nantgarw, Cardiff, CF15 7QZ.

4. The UHB processes late Enhanced Service claims in line with the Welsh Government (WG) Statement of Financial Entitlements (SFE) Directions.

An exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) has been applied as the SFE Directions are available on the WG website and accessible by another means. For ease, a link to the Financial Entitlement Directions: Local Health Boards webpage has been provided below:

<https://www.gov.wales/financial-entitlement-directions-local-health-boards>