

Reference:	FOI.7396.21
Subject:	Documentation relating to the Local Public Health Team
Date of Request:	11 November 2021

Requested:

1. Minutes and Microsoft Teams records of any Meeting of the Board of the Health Board regarding which specific NHS organisation should be the employer of the Local Public Health Team staff.
2. Minutes and Microsoft Teams records of any executive or directorate level-discussions or meetings, that have taken place involving the Chief Executive (CEO) of the Health Board or / and any Executive Director of the Health Board, covering which specific NHS organisation should be the employer of the Local Public Health Team staff.
3. Any written correspondence – including (but not limited to) emails - between the CEO of the Health Board and any Executive Director of the Health Board, covering which specific NHS organisation should be the employer of the Local Public Health Team staff.
4. Minutes and Microsoft Teams records of any executive level discussions or meetings, that have taken place involving the CEO or/and any Executive Director of the Health Board with any of the CEOs or Executive Directors of other NHS Wales organisations (including, but not limited to, the CEO or / and any Executive Director of any of the other 6 Health Boards in Wales or / and the CEO or any Executive Director of Public Health Wales or/and the CEO of NHS Wales) covering which specific NHS organisation should be the employer of the Local Public Health Team staff.
5. Any written correspondence – including (but not limited to) emails – between the CEO or/and any Executive Director of the Health Board and any of the CEOs or Executive Directors of other NHS Wales organisations (including, but not limited to, the CEO or / and any Executive Director of any of the other 6 Health Boards in Wales or / and the CEO or any Executive Director of Public Health Wales or/and the CEO of NHS Wales) covering which specific NHS organisation should be the employer of the Local Public Health Team staff.
6. Any written submissions (from whatever source) provided to the NHS Wales CEO or to the Welsh Government’s Minister for Health and Social Care (which were shared with either the Health Board CEO or any Executive Director of the Health Board) about which specific NHS organisation should be the employer of the Local Public Health Team staff.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) regrets to inform you that it does not hold the information requested.

Decisions relating to Local Public Health Teams have been undertaken by the Welsh Government (WG) and Public Health Wales (PHW).

We therefore recommend that you redirect your request to the Freedom of Information Teams in WG and PHW, who may be able to help you with your enquiry. Contact details are as follows:-

Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales or alternatively, you can contact: Freedom of Information Officer, Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ.

Foi.phw@wales.nhs.uk or alternatively, you can contact: Freedom of Information Office, Public Health Wales, Floor 3, 2 Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ.

Whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, copies of an email (redacted) and a letter received by the UHB's Chief Executive Officer have been provided at Attachments 1 and 2.

The UHB is withholding the personal information relating to third parties contained within the email correspondence. This decision has been made as it is not within the reasonable expectations of these individuals, that their personal data would be put into the public domain. This information is classed as personal data of a third party. It is therefore being withheld in accordance with the exemption set out in section 40(2) of the FOIA,

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the Data Protection Act 2018/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 define personal data as data which relates to an identified or identifiable living individual.