

Reference:	FOI.13601.24
Subject:	Expenditure on the Stradey Park Hotel
Date of Request:	18 January 2024

Requested:

I would like the following information:

- An estimate Hywel Dda health board costs incurred between May – November 2023 relating to the potential arrival of people seeking asylum to the Stradey Park Hotel in Llanelli.

This could include staff time, research, outreach costs or anything else.

For context, I am trying to estimate the costs of the Home Office announcement on local public services, seeing as no asylum seekers were ever accommodated. Other organisations have created similar totals – for example the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner estimates that £300,000 were spent and Carmarthenshire County Council estimates £230,000.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the information requested. Work of this nature would not be itemised as part of the daily tasks undertaken by staff members or itemised within directorate budgets. Therefore, to be able to fulfil your request, the UHB would have to estimate the cost of staff work undertaken in relation to the Stradey Park Hotel in Llanelli.

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