

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.4406.20
<b>Subject:</b>	HDUHB Information Office responses to FOI/4192/20
<b>Date of Request:</b>	29 October 2020

**Requested:**

I forward the following information requests arising from HDUHB Information Office Responses to FOI/4192/20.

1. Would you please confirm that you are Head of Corporate Office and HDUHB Assistant Director of Corporate Legal Services and Public Affairs?
2. Would you please confirm who is HDUHB Director of Corporate Legal Services and Public Affairs?
3. Would you please confirm who is the HDUHB Senior Corporate Information Officer (SCIO)?
4. Would you please particularise the reviewed responses the SCIO sent to you for review?
5. Would you please confirm that the Head of Corporate Office reviewed responses for Case 17036 and sent them to Professor Philip Kloer for Executive Director authorisation?
6. Would you please confirm that the Head of Corporate Office reviewed responses for Case 17046 and sent them to Ms J Paterson, Mrs M Rayani and Mr Thomas for Executive Director authorisation?

**Decision:**

Following review of your correspondence, Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has made the decision to refuse some of your requests for information. The UHB's reasons are provided in bullet point form below:

- The UHB has an obligation to respond to valid requests for information. A valid request for information can be determined using the guidance provided in Section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The UHB has drawn the conclusion that this request is not a valid request for information and therefore not admissible under FOIA.
- The UHB considers this request to be vexatious. Vexatious requests can be determined using the guidance as set out in Section 14 of the FOIA. The points drawn upon by the UHB to reach this decision are provided below:
  - The UHB believes that the requests are part of a scattergun approach, which lacks any clear focus and are intended to waste time and/or unnecessarily utilise resources for no apparent purpose.
  - A number of the requests are simply trivial or frivolous and require disproportionate effort from UHB officers to handle.

**Response:**

2. The UHB does not have a Director of Corporate Legal Services and Public Affairs. The Assistant Director of Corporate Legal Services and Public Affairs reports to the Board Secretary.
5. The UHB can confirm that Freedom of Information request 17036 was reviewed by the Assistant Director of Corporate Legal Services and Public Affairs prior to being reviewed and approved by Professor Philip Kloer, Executive Medical Director.
6. The UHB can confirm that this Freedom of Information request 17046 was reviewed by the Assistant Director of Corporate Legal Services and Public Affairs prior to being reviewed and approved by Mandy Rayani, Executive Director of Nursing, Quality and Patient Experience.