

Reference:	FOI.13481 & 13482.23
Subject:	Health Board spend
Date of Request:	21 December 2023

Requested:

1. FOI.13481 – Transport Costs

For the last three financial years, how much has the Health Board spent on providing alternative vehicles (such as a taxi) for patients who are unable to be transferred to hospital via an emergency response vehicle?

2. FOI.13482 – Diversity and Inclusion Training Spend

For the last three financial years, how much has the Health Board spent on all types of diversity and inclusion training to its employees?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested for question 1, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the information requested for question 1, the UHB would be required to undertake a manual search of its Finance Ledgers and invoices, to identify if any of the alternative vehicles used were directly related to patients who were unable to be transferred to hospital via an emergency response vehicle, for the three (3) financial years requested, as this information is not recorded centrally.

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, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds below.

1. The UHB provides, within the table below, the total spend on alternative vehicles, during the 2020/21 to 2022/23 financial years.

Financial year	Spend
2020/21	£180,247.00
2021/22	£318,488.00
2022/23	£202,800.00

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the total spend on diversity and inclusion training for its employees, during the 2020/21 to 2022/23 financial years.

Financial year	Spend
2020/21	£7,960.00
2021/22	£6,950.00
2022/23	£6,100.00