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| Subject: | Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) general meetings |
| Date of Request: | 17 March 2026 |

Requested:

1. Would HDUHB confirm that the 'Minutes of HDUHB General Meetings' and 'Annual Report and Accounts' are public documents and should be available from Public Libraries?
2. Would HDUHB forward copy of the HDUHB Extraordinary General Meeting that was held in December 2012?
3. Would HDUHB forward copy of the current HDUHB Counter Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the information exactly as requested as it does not hold information for public libraries. The decision on what documents are held by public libraries falls within the remit of Central and Local Governments, as set out within the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964.

However, the UHB can confirm that in line with its Governance arrangements, approved Board meeting minutes and the UHB's Annual Report and Accounts are public documents and are available on the UHB's website. As this information is already within the public domain and accessible by another means, the UHB has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA). Links to the relevant UHB's Board meeting and Annual Report webpages have been provided below:

[Your health board - Hywel Dda University Health Board](#)

[Annual reports - Hywel Dda University Health Board](#)

Additionally, Section 7.6.2 of the UHB's Model Standing Orders, Reservation and Delegation of Powers for LHBs document states that 'Agreed minutes shall be circulated in accordance with Board members' wishes, and, where providing a record of a formal Board meeting shall be made available to the public both on the LHB's website and in hard copy or other accessible format on request, in accordance with any legislative requirements, e.g., Data Protection Act 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation 2018, and the LHB's Communication Strategy and Welsh language requirements'.

The Model Standing Orders, Reservation and Delegation of Powers for LHBs document is available on the UHB's Standing Orders and Standing Financial Instructions webpage and can be accessed via the links provided below:

[Standing Orders and Standing Financial Instructions - Hywel Dda University Health Board](#)

[LHB Model Standing Orders Reservation and Delegation of Powers - 25 March 2021 v5 Final](#)

1. The UHB confirms that the Board meeting held on 19 December 2012 was not an Extraordinary General Meeting, it was a routine Board meeting that had been rescheduled. A copy of the approved minutes for this Board meeting has been provided at Attachment 1.
2. An exemption under Section 21 of the FoIA has been applied as the information requested is accessible by another means. The following policy is available on the UHB's website:
 - Policy 815 – Counter Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy

For ease of reference, please click on the link provided below, which will take you directly to the policies and written control documents webpage:

[Policies and written control documents - Hywel Dda University Health Board](#)