

Reference:	FOI.4732.20
Subject:	Information Governance responses
Date of Request:	9 December 2020

Requested:

1. Would you please confirm the subject in which you gained a Bachelor of Arts, Honours degree from the University of Wales?
2. Would you please confirm that HND Legal Practice is a legal qualification and which body regulates parties that hold the qualification HND Legal Practice?
3. Would HDUHB Information Governance Office confirm the date the correspondence log, regarding patient records (SPII) removed from my practice, was anonymised?
4. Would HDUHB Information Governance Office confirm when the patient records (SMII) were removed from my practice?
5. Would HDUHB Information Governance Office confirm when the patient records (SMII) were returned to the practice?
6. Would HDUHB Information Governance Office confirm which practice on the HDUHB Opticians List received the patient records (SMII)?
7. Would HDUHB Information Governance Office confirm Welsh Government Policy regarding the disposal of documents regarding Fraud?

Decision:

Following review of your request, Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has made the decision to refuse some of your request 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 questions 1 of your request is not a valid request for information and therefore not admissible under FOIA.
- The UHB considers the requests for questions 3, 4, 5 and 6 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 requestor is attempting to re-open a previously closed matter between him and the UHB regarding issues surrounding his professional capacity.
 - 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.

Response:

2. The UHB regrets to inform you that the information requested is not held.
7. This information is already within the public domain; therefore, the UHB has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as the information is accessible by another means. The information requested is available on the Welsh Government (WG) website.

For ease of reference please click on the attached link which will take you directly to the WG Retention and Disposal Schedule:

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/Retention%20%20Disposal%20Schedule.pdf>