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<b>Subject:</b>	NHS Trust vehicle fleet
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**Requested:**

I'd like to request a list including the vehicle registration number, make and model of all vehicles currently on your fleet (both owned and leased) and all vehicles sold, between the dates of 01/11/2024 to 30/09/2025, within your NHS Trust.

**Our response**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide the vehicle registration numbers requested, as it has deemed that this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA).

Section 31(1)(a) of the FoIA provides that information which is not exempt by virtue of Section 30 (criminal investigations and proceedings) is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. The UHB is relying upon this exemption as it considers that releasing this information could make the UHB and its staff vulnerable to crime.

Section 31 of the FoIA is a qualified exemption requiring public authorities to apply the public interest test set out in Section 2(2)(b).

The information can only be withheld if the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The UHB has therefore considered the following:

**In favour of disclosure:** The UHB has a duty to maintain openness and transparency in all of its activities, which will help to maintain public trust in the UHB.

**Against disclosure:** By disclosing the registration numbers, the UHB would be vulnerable to this being used for crime, which could potentially compromise the security of both UHB property and its staff. There is a clear public interest in protecting the UHB and its staff from the impact of crime.

**Decision:** The UHB considers that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the interest in disclosing, in that it protects the UHB from potential criminal activity.

However, the UHB provides within Attachment 1, the makes, models and user types of its current leased fleet vehicles for business use. Those identified as 'insurance only' are vehicles owned by the UHB.

The UHB confirms that no vehicles have been sold by the UHB, during the requested period.