

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.13213.23
<b>Subject:</b>	Pharmacy information
<b>Date of Request:</b>	23 November 2023

**Requested:**

1. The name of the Health Board's Chief Pharmacist
  - a. Their email address
  - b. Their Contact Phone Number
2. The names of the Head of Medicines Management/Optimisation Lead for each area in the Health Board
  - a. Job Title for each of the above
  - b. Contact email address for each of the above
  - c. Contact Phone number for each of the above
3. Has the Health Board considered any proposals relating to centralised prescribing for stoma or urology appliances?
  - a. If yes, please provide the minutes of any meetings where this took place

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested for question 3a, 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 minutes requested, the UHB would be required to undertake a manual search of systems. This is due to the meeting being a collaboration of departments including Medicines Management, Primary Care and Operational Teams, with some staff members that attended the meeting having terminated their employment with the UHB and the minutes may have been stored on their individual PCs. Hence, the need for a system trawl to locate and identify any information that would fulfil this part of your request.

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 confirms that its Chief Pharmacist is Professor Christopher Brown. Contact details are as follows:

Email: [PharmacyMedicinesManagementHDUHB.hdd@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:PharmacyMedicinesManagementHDUHB.hdd@wales.nhs.uk)

Telephone: 01554 781137

2. The UHB provides below, the names, job titles and contact details for the Heads of Medicines Management:

- Owain Williams, Lead Pharmacist, Primary Care and Community Pharmacy
- Rhian John, Carmarthenshire Cluster Lead Pharmacist
- Mair Davies, Lead Cluster Pharmacist for Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire

All of the above can be contacted via the details provided in response to question 1.

3. The UHB confirms that it has considered proposals relating to centralised prescribing for stoma or urology appliances.
  - a. Section 12 exemption applied. However, the UHB can confirm that the agenda item purely relates to the formulary of products supplied through the centralised prescribing service. The Medicines Formulary and Guidance Group (MFGG) recommended the Cobweb Formulary for Continence Products, which was approved by the Medicines Management Subcommittee.