

Reference:	FOI.2065.19
Subject:	The proposed sale of former Cardigan Hospital
Date of Request:	29 November 2019

Requested:

Could you arrange to provide the following information with regard to the proposed sale of former Cardigan Hospital site to a Housing Association for the provision of affordable homes.

1. Copy of "planning application form" submitted by HDUHB to Ceredigion County Council for change of land use from Cardigan Hospital to affordable housing, in accordance with step 5 of the agreed protocol.
2. Copy of the "development brief" prepared under step 6 of the protocol

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide the information requested as it is not held. The UHB is not directly involved in this process or in the preparation of a development brief. Although the UHB is required to follow the Affordable Housing Protocol required by Welsh Government (WG), once a site has been declared surplus by the UHB, NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) consult with the relevant Local Authority and nominated Registered Social Landlord (RSL) to consider the potential for affordable housing. For the Cardigan Hospital site, the nominated RSL and Local Authority have agreed the principle of developing the site for affordable housing.

The UHB has subsequently agreed the principle of selling the site to the RSL based on a jointly commissioned open market valuation. The planning application will be submitted by Wales & West Housing Association to the Ceredigion County Council local planning authority.

Under section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, the UHB has an obligation to provide advice and assistance.

We would therefore recommend that you redirect your request to the Freedom of Information Team in Ceredigion County Council who may be able to help you with your enquiry:-

foi@ceredigion.gov.uk or alternatively, you can contact: Freedom of Information Office, Ceredigion County Council, Penmorfa, Aberaeron, Ceredigion, SA46 0PA.