

Reference:	FOI.13273.23
Subject:	Spend on posters
Date of Request:	29 November 2023

Requested:

This is an information request relating to posters paid for by the trust in the last 3 financial years, and the current year to date (2019,20 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23).

Please include the following information:

1. Total amount and cost of all posters paid for by the trust which are used in the hospitals, clinics, offices and other buildings of the trust.
2. The total number of posters in foreign languages paid for by the trust.
3. The total cost of foreign language posters.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, 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 data requested for questions 2 and 3, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all invoices relating to posters, to identify any information that would fulfil these parts of your request, as it is not recorded centrally.

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 for question 1 below.

The UHB provides, within the table below, the total quantities and spend on posters, during the 2019/2020 to 2021/22 financial years and 1 April to 30 November 2023.

Financial year	Quantity	Spend
2019/20	2,291	£736.00
2020/21	6,353	£8,780
2021/22	7,165	£1,998
2022/23	1,694	£4,088.00
1 April to 30 November 2023	8,773	£2,702.00