

Reference:	FOI.13576.24
Subject:	Stolen, lost and damaged items
Date of Request:	15 January 2024

Requested:

I am writing regarding items owned by the Health Board that have been reported as stolen, lost or damaged.

For each of the last five financial years I would like to receive the following:

- A list of items that have been reported as stolen, and their estimated value.
- A list of items that have been reported as lost/misplaced, and their estimated value.
- A list of items that have been reported as damaged, and their estimated value.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with 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 and 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.

The UHB does not hold a central record of items that have been stolen, lost or damaged. Therefore, in order to provide you with the information requested, the UHB would need to contact each service, ward and department across the UHB and request that they undertake an inventory audit, to identify any information that may fulfil 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.