

Reference:	FOI.16645.25
Subject:	Surveying and geospatial activities
Date of Request:	19 February 2025

Requested:

1. What are the biggest challenges your organisation currently faces in surveying and geospatial activity?
2. Are you confident in your full knowledge of the condition and knowledge of your impact on our local environment?
3. What are your organisation's key strategic objectives for the next 12-24 months, and how does surveying and geospatial fit into these?
4. Please detail any planned development of sites or assets
5. Do you have a supplier for drainage mapping and surveying?
6. If so, please can you supply details of the contractual arrangements in place including date of award, details of any Framework used or link to the advertisement, contract value and duration
7. If not, please can you indicate what evaluation of the requirement for surveying and geospatial works have been undertaken?
8. Please share your planned procurement pipeline for surveying and geospatial works for the next 12 month
9. How do you engage with potential new suppliers—through open tenders, direct engagement, or supplier days?
10. Please can you confirm the individual responsible for managing your surveying and geospatial contracts or wider development contracts and provide their contact details and role title?
11. Please provide a list of frameworks that you procure related services through
12. Do you plan to repurpose any sites for renewable energy or solar farms?
13. Do you have any issues with subsidence in your properties? If so, where?
14. When developing/purchasing/selling a site, how do you verify that the boundaries are correct?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) can confirm that its biggest challenge in undertaking surveying and geospatial activity is the size of the organisation's estate, and the capacity services have to undertake regular surveying activities.
2. The UHB confirms that it complies with the SO14001 standard and is independently audited against this on an annual basis. As part of the SO14001 standard requirements, the UHB assesses the impact of its activities on the environment.

3. The UHB has applied an exemption to your request under section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as the information is expected to be accessible within the public domain in the near future. The UHB's objectives will be set out within the UHB's Annual Plan 2025-2026, which is due to be presented to the Board for approval at its public Board meeting being held on 27 March 2025. The link below will take you directly to information on Board meetings for 2025:

[Board meetings 2025 - Hywel Dda University Health Board](#)

The Freedom of Information team will forward a link to the Annual Plan 2025-2026 once it has been published.

4. The UHB is progressing the following business cases:

- a. Cross Hands Full Business Case
- b. Fishguard Health and Wellbeing Centre Strategic Outline Case
- c. Cylch Caron refresh of our Outline Business Case

5. The UHB does not currently require a supplier for drainage mapping and surveying.

6. Not applicable.

7. The UHB has not undertaken any evaluation of surveying or geospatial works. Should the UHB require the expertise of a specialist surveyor, the evaluation of requirements would be carried out as part of the procurement process.

8. The UHB does not have any surveying and geospatial works planned for the next 12 months.

9. The UHB engages with potential new suppliers through a compliant framework or via an open tender exercise.

10. The UHB leads that manage surveying and geospatial contracts and development contracts are:

- Paul Williams Head of Property Performance. Email - Paul.williams9@wales.nhs.uk
- Stuart Irwin, Senior Estates Officer. Email - stuart.p.irwin@wales.nhs.uk

11. The UHB uses the Crown Commercial Framework to procure Space Enabled and Geospatial Services.

12. The Health Board has already placed solar panels on roofs across the UHB estate where possible and has developed a 0.5MW solar farm on the Hafan Derwen site. There are no plans to repurpose any sites specifically for renewable energy. The UHB's Decarbonisation Delivery Plan further sets out how we aim to meet the national net zero targets for carbon management, buildings, transport, procurement, estate planning, land use, and clinical sustainability.

For your information, a link is provided to the UHB's Decarbonisation Delivery Plan below:

[Decarbonisation Delivery Plan](#)

13. The UHB can confirm that it does not currently have any subsidence issues.

14. All acquisitions/disposals are undertaken in line with Welsh Health Building Note – Estate code 2018. The UHB is supported through the process by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP), who provide specialist estate advice and legal services.