

Reference:	FOI.11555.23
Subject:	The use of Health Board resources for private use
Date of Request:	24 April 2023

Requested:

Please provide the information in relation to the use of any Welsh Government funded Health resources for private health. Information required for past 3 years.

For the purpose of this request resources should be split between:

1. The cost value for the use of any capital equipment
2. The cost of consumables during any procedure
3. The cost of any staff who are not employed privately but provide professional expertise in procedure eg X rays, MRI etc.
4. On how many occasions have the resources been used for private medical procedure
5. Which consultants employed by HB in Wales also work privately and use WG funded facilities to support their private work- ie PA, Secretary, Clinical support.
6. What is the total income broken down for the past three financial years that Welsh Government funded Health Boards generated from the above private procedures.
7. What is the value of payments due to Welsh Government funded Health Boards that has remained unpaid for the past 5 years.

Response:

1. to 3. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the information requested, within Attachment 1.
4. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of occasions that the resources have been used for private medical procedures, during the 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.

Financial year	Number
2020/21	18
2021/22	122
2022/23	153

5. The UHB is withholding the names of the consultants requested. This decision has been made as it is not within the reasonable expectations of these individuals that their personal data would be put into the public domain. This information is classed as personal data of a third party. It is therefore being withheld in accordance with the exemption set out in section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), by virtue of section 40(3)(a) of the FoIA, which permits a public authority to withhold personal data other than the requestor's where the disclosure would breach Data Protection principles.

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018/UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA/UK GDPR define personal data as data which relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information which is in the possession of the data controller.

However, the UHB can confirm that it has twenty nine (29) consultants that undertake private work.

Information on UHB facilities used by consultants for private work is not held, as it is not recorded on any central data platform.

6. The UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the total income generated from the private procedures, during the 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.

Financial year	Number
2020/21	£2,759.00
2021/22	£19,748.00
2022/23	£24,106.00

7. The UHB provides, within the table below, the total amount from the private procedures that have remained unpaid, during the 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.

Financial year	Amount
2018/19	£0.00
2019/20	£0.00
2020/21	£0.00
2021/22	£0.00
2022/23	£2,472.00