

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.10117.22
<b>Subject:</b>	Voluntary or third sector organisations delivering commissioned health care
<b>Date of Request:</b>	26 October 2022

**Requested:**

**Part A**

The number of voluntary / third sector organisations, delivering commissioned health care (children, young people and adults) on behalf of yourselves as a public body. Broken down as follows –

1. Number of voluntary sector / third sector organisations, whose registered address is in Wales, who are contracted lead delivery partners for 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 (as known), 2023/24 (as known)
2. Number of voluntary sector / third sector organisations, whose registered address is other than Wales, who are contracted lead delivery partners for 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 (as known), 2023/24 (as known)
3. Number of voluntary sector / third sector organisations, who are formalised sub-contracted partners in contracts controlled by third parties for 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 (as known), 2023/24 (as known)
4. A list of the contract names and reference numbers for (i) and (ii) suitable for searching on Sell2Wales / EU Tender Journal
5. The advertised financial value (rather than awarded in order to protect commercially sensitive information), per year - 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 (as known), 2023/24 (as known) in respect of (i) and (ii). This can be presented as a cumulative.
6. Contract outputs / outcomes (actual where reported, or targets in respect of future delivery) per year - 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 (as known), 2023/24 (as known) in respect of (i) and (ii). This should be in respect of those identified within initial tender specifications and can be presented cumulatively where there is overlap in output indicators used. To be split by Health Board where services have been commissioned via one contract across more than one Health Board.
7. Where available (i.e. in tender response information), the full time equivalent number of staff employed by voluntary sector / third sector organisations, as a cumulative figure in respect of the organisations and delivery years as identified in (i) and (ii).
8. The number of organisations as per (i) and (ii) using volunteers in their service delivery
9. The total number of volunteers per year as known. Clarification as to the percentage of organisations as per (viii), this number relates to.

**Part B**

Copies of any internal evaluations you may have (excluding those that are sensitive / confidential), in respect of the role of the voluntary sector, volunteers and unpaid carers; in relation to your duties and ambitions as a Health Board.

## **Response:**

The UHB is unable to provide you with the information requested for Part B of your request, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) 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 is unable to provide you with internal evaluations held in respect of the organisations detailed in Part A of your request. In order to access the data, the UHB would be required to identify the service responsible for the contract with the organisation and ask them to conduct a manual trawl, to identify any information that fulfils your request. The estimated cost of searching and identifying the requested information is:

60 voluntary organisations @ 60 minutes per organisation = 60 hours  
60 hours @ £25 per hours = £1,500.00

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, 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 Freedom of Information Act, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. The UHB has therefore provided information in relation to Part A of your request below.

### **Part A**

The UHB only holds the requested information for the 2021 and 2022 calendar years,, covering the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years, as at the time of your request.

1. The UHB is engaged with sixty (60) voluntary or third sector organisations, whose registered addresses are in Wales, who are lead delivery partners during the requested timeframe.
2. The UHB is engaged with fifteen (15) voluntary or third sector organisations, whose registered addresses are not in Wales, who are lead delivery partners during the requested timeframe.
3. The UHB is not engaged with any voluntary or third sector organisation as formalised sub-contracted partners in contracts controlled by third parties.
4. – 7. All tenders are undertaken by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP). It is therefore recommended that you redirect these parts of your request to the NWSSP Freedom of Information (FOI) Team, who can be contacted by email on: [shared.services@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:shared.services@wales.nhs.uk)
8. – 9. The UHB does not hold the information requested.