

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.17695 & 17707.25
<b>Subject:</b>	Website News Item and email addresses and correspondence
<b>Date of Request:</b>	3 & 4 July 2025

**Requested:**

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Circa the time (2024) that Hywel Dda University Health Board (H DUHB) was advertising for applicants for the post of Chief Executive Officer, H DUHB placed a News Item on the H DUHB website "H DUHB Prizes". The News Item was accessed via a link. The link gave access to a video recording introduced by the BBC Celebrity, Mr Owain Wyn Evans. He is a former BBC weather presenter who drummed up a considerable amount of money during a BBC programme "Children in Need", is Chair of the judging panel of the annual BBC Wales television programme "Best House in Wales" and hosts the BBC Radio 2's Early Breakfast Show programme.

The video recording showed various H DUHB employees who were worthy of a prize. The prize was given to two personal assistants (PA) who had produced an advice document for use by the PAs of H DUHB Executive Directors. If memory serves one of the recipients of the prize was Ms Kelly Sursona, PA to H DUHB CEO, I cannot recall the name of the other recipient. The link to the H DUHB News Item is no longer on the H DUHB Website.

1. Would H DUHB confirm the two recipients of the H DUHB prize mentioned in the H DUHB video recording introduced by the BBC celebrity Mr Owain Wyn Evans?
2. Would H DUHB confirm the title of the advice document that won the prize mentioned in the H DUHB video recording introduced by the BBC celebrity Mr Owain Wyn Evans?
3. Would H DUHB confirm the prize that was awarded to the winners of the competition mentioned in the H DUHB video recording introduced by the BBC celebrity Mr Owain Wyn Evans?
4. Would H DUHB confirm that H DUHB IT Department administers the H DUHB website?

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Thank you for your email dated 3 Jul 2025 acknowledging receipt of my email to the email address [Alwena.Moakes-Hughes@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Alwena.Moakes-Hughes@wales.nhs.uk) and cover copied to three(3) other wales nhs uk email addresses.

1. Would Hywel Dda University Health Board (H DUHB) confirm that all the email addresses in my email dated 3 July 2025 were able to access the email?
2. Would H DUHB confirm that, as per Appendix A, H DUHB Freedom of Information Policy, all the email addresses within my email dated 3 July 2025 will be contacted regarding the contents of my email, their responses will be noted and recorded?

**Response:**

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1 & 2. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has applied a Section 21 exemption of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) to questions 1 and 2 of your request, as this information is already within the public domain and is accessible by another means. The video recording in question is available on YouTube, and the information requested can be viewed seven (7) minutes and forty-five (45) seconds into the video.

For ease of reference, please click on the link below, which will take you directly to the video recording:

[Hywel's Applause 2023](#)

3. The UHB confirms the prize that was awarded to the winners of the competition in question was a trophy and a certificate.
4. The UHB confirms the digital communications team has overall responsibility for the UHB's website. However, individual teams have delegated access to their own webpages, relating to individual service areas, and have responsibility for updating these as and when required.

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1 & 2. The UHB does not consider this to be a valid Freedom of Information (Fol) request. The FoIA covers any recorded information that is held by a public authority; recorded information includes printed documents, computer files, letters, emails, photographs, and sound or video recordings. The FoIA does not cover information on estimates, opinions or recommendations. The UHB has an obligation to provide information already in recorded form but cannot create new information to answer a question.

However, the UHB can confirm all individual staff members can access all incoming correspondence as long as it is sent to a valid email address and delivered to their inbox. Additionally, the UHB can confirm that all Fol requests are processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Policy.