

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/20/159
Hospital Departments

Request details

Please can you confirm whether your Health Board has the following departments at any of your hospital sites, along with which hospital site they are based at:

- **Endoscopy Department**
- **Sterile Services Department** (or any such department for the decontamination of surgical instruments i.e. HSDU, CSSD, etc.)
- **Renal Department**
- **Estates Department** (specifically for the maintenance and validation of sterilizers, instrument washers and endoscope washers)
- **Medical Engineering Department** (specifically for the maintenance and validation of sterilizers, instrument washers and endoscope washers)

If any of these departments are outsourced to an external company, please can you provide details of which company.

Response details

After considering your request, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) believes that Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies in this instance and is refusing your request. The reason for relying on this exemption is set out below.

Under Section 21 of the Act, an organisation does not have to respond to a request if the information being sought is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. The UHB has applied this exemption to your request as the information you are seeking is available in the public domain. Under our Section 16 obligation to advise and assist, I can confirm that the relevant data can be found via the following link:

<http://www.cardiffandvaleuhb.wales.nhs.uk/our-services#C>

Please note that the departments are not named exactly as worded in the request, i.e. the UHB have a Medical Physics and Clinical Engineering as opposed to 'Medical Engineering'.