

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/20/061
Installation of Fibre Optic Cables Project

Request details

I am conducting research into a campus development project occurring between 2003 and 2004 (and in particular the initial phase, which I understand took place in around Spring 2003). The project involved the installation of fibre optic cables into microducts using a new "shallow-cut" method to link Cathys Park (main campus) to Heath Hospital (as it was then, and now, University Hospital of Wales).

My initial research has identified an article that references the project. It refers to the project taking place to facilitate the merger of the university and the hospital 3.5km away.

I am specifically looking for details regarding the installation of the cables and who was involved, including:

- 1. The company that supplied the cables (the project was coordinated by a company called FibreSpan Limited, but it would be helpful to know who provided the cable itself),**
- 2. Any individuals from R Matthews Construction, the installation sub-contractor, who were involved,**
- 3. The precise dates that the initial cable was supplied and ultimately installed,**
- 4. Any details you have about the brand, type and/or specifications of the cable that was used,**
- 5. Details of any other people who may remember the event, or the contact details of [named individual],**
- 6. The precise route/location of the cable.**
- 7. Further research has indicated that approximately 10 years ago, further funding was obtained and a new fibre optic route was installed. Do you have details as to whether the original (2003) cable is still installed, albeit in a non-operational state?**

Response details

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) do not hold this information and do not have any building located in Cathays. To comply with our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, I would like to inform you that the UHB believes this information will be held by Cardiff University.

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<https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/public-information/freedom-of-information/requesting-information>