

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/457

Pentyrch Surgery

Request details

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing with a Freedom of Information Request for further information regarding the relocation of the Pentyrch surgery, specifically the scoring exercise undertaken for the six sites evaluated in detail for the proposed new Pentyrch surgery.

- 1. For each of the criteria used in the scoring exercise, please provide a detailed definition of these criteria, along with all supporting documentation;**

Please find attached (updated scoring criteria) the definition of the scoring criteria used to evaluate the 6 shortlisted site options for the Pentyrch development. There is no prescribed criteria set by Welsh Government to be used as part of the primary care estates process. The criteria used were developed and agreed by the Project Group which includes representation from NHS Wales Specialist Estates Services as the UHB's specialist advisors to the scheme.

- 2. For each criterion, please provide a list of the specific metrics that were used to assess the performance of possible locations. Supporting documentation should also be provided**

Using the attached criteria as referenced in 1 above each of the 6 shortlisted sites were assessed against the agreed scoring criteria with a score between 1 and 5 applied; a score of 1 was assigned where the site in question was unable to meet the criteria with a score of 5 representing that that the site in question fully satisfied the criteria. To recognise that not all criteria were of equal importance in assessing the site options it was further agreed that a weighting be applied to each criteria. Using the criteria, the weighting of the criteria and the specific score agreed for each site option against the agreed criteria, an overall score was derived. The attached table (Pentyrch site scoring outcome) identifies how each site was scored. The Developer was required to sign a non-disclosure agreement for one of the sites and therefore for commercially sensitive reasons the details of this have been removed

- 3. Please provide an analysis and description of the weighting used for each of the criteria, along with supporting evidence to justify this.**

As referenced in 2 above it was recognised that not all of the agreed criteria were of equal importance and therefore a weighting was applied. The weighting applied was between a range between of 1 and 5, with 1 being desirable and 5 being critical.

- 4. For each site please provide details of the score applied for each metric within each criteria, and the overall score, including an analysis of the weighting of scores and criteria.**

As per the above and attached

- 5. For each site please provide evidence used to justify the score given for each criterion and for each metric used within each criterion.**

As per 2 above, a score of 1 was assigned where the site in question was unable to meet the criteria and a score of 5 represented that the site in question fully satisfied the criteria.

- 6. Four sites in Pentyrch were rejected, according to information you have provided. Please provide all documentation, including correspondence with the Pentyrch Community Council, used to justify the decision to reject these sites.**

A consistent approach was applied in the appraisal process of all shortlisted site options; there was no differentiation for sites in Pentyrch. The Pentyrch Surgery development is a third party developer scheme, with Assura being the appointed third party developer following a full procurement exercise. The remit of the third party developer is to undertake a site search to identify all potential site options and therefore it is Assura that were in correspondence with landowners or agents regarding potential site options. The Health Board has had no direct communication with Pentyrch Community Council.

- 7. Please provide a full copy of the application to the Welsh Government for funding of this new Pentyrch surgery.**

WG funding was earmarked for the Pentyrch surgery development following its inclusion in the Health Board's proposal for pipeline funding given the need for a permanent solution for the practice in temporary accommodation and to address LDP growth in the area. A full business case which justifies the use of the funding is being prepared. As per the required Welsh Government Primary Care Estates process, this will be considered through the UHB's governance process in the first instance prior to submission to Welsh Government.