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University Health Board

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/21/535
Clinical Governance

Information Requested:

I write regarding a Freedom of Information request regarding clinical governance and would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information.

1. Whether you can provide a clear clinical governance structure for each hospital in your Local Health Board;
2. The number of filled WTEs broken down by profession, role, qualification and hospital, specifically, for the management of clinical governance issues and
3. The number of currently unfilled WTE vacancies broken down by profession and hospital, specifically, clinical governance.

Response Details:

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

However, under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance, I can inform you that clinical governance is part of every professional's role supported by corporate functions and some specific roles, the UHB adheres to national guidance and regulatory frameworks in line with good governance.

