

<u>Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/22/008</u> Pharmacy Contractors

Information Requested:

I write to request a list of all the current Retail Pharmacy Contract Holders in your Health Board.

I would like Company Name, Address, Post Code, Phone Number and E-mail addresses for each location please.

Response Details:

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) is withholding the information in relation to your request for email addresses, relying on Section 31 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (prevention and detection of crime). Specifically, the UHB believes that disclosing details regarding its ICT infrastructure, or support of that infrastructure, would be likely to prejudice the prevention of crime, particularly cyber-crime. As this is a qualified exemption, the UHB is required to complete a public interest test in deciding whether it is in the public's interest to withhold or disclose the information. **Public Interest Test:**

In favour of disclosure: The UHB recognises there is a public interest in transparency and accessibility.

Against disclosure: There is a very strong public interest in protecting the extremely sensitive data held by the UHB. Cyber Security and the associated Cyber-Risk / Cyber-Attacks represent a rapidly evolving arena that becomes more complex and dangerous with time. Disclosure of email addresses increases vulnerability to security attacks, spam and phishing.

Decision: The UHB considers that the public interest in withholding the information sought is significantly greater than any interest there may be in disclosing it and potentially exposing sensitive personal data to an increased level of risk. The UHB strongly believes that posing additional unnecessary risk to the UHB, and consequently patient care and safety, would be unacceptable to the public. Whilst the UHB acknowledges a public interest in transparency and accessibility, the UHB provides appropriate accessibility information via its website. It was therefore decided that it was not in the public's interest to disclose this information.

In accordance with our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, please find the below link to the 'Contact the UHB' page of the UHB's website.

http://www.cardiffandvaleuhb.wales.nhs.uk/contact-us-page



