

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/22/272

CPAP Devices

Information Requested:

- 1. Firstly, can you provide a list of all staff who have disclosed links to the medical devices manufacturer Philips and what those links are, whether it be employment, if they have accepted benefits from them, if they have been involved in their events etc - going back as far as you can.**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) can advise that we do not have any members of staff that have disclosed links to Philips in association with any of the above activities/benefits.

The UHB would like to advise that the procurement was conducted on an All Wales basis by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership. You may find the following link of use to you;

[Making a Freedom of Information Request - NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership](#)

- 2. Secondly, can you confirm how many patients you have identified in your Health Board who have experienced adverse effects from the Philips CPAP devices, both prior to the Philips CPAP recall of June 2021 and after, as well as tell me if you have made or received any Yellow Card reports in relation to this matter.**

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.

- 3. Thirdly, I would like to see a list of all communication between Philips and the Health Board - going as far back as you can if possible - with a particular focus on the CPAP and ventilators. I believe there may be correspondence as far back as 2015 in relation to foam degradation in the ventilators but perhaps even before this time.**

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- 4. Fourthly I would like to see any documents the Health Board has in relation to the recall such as meetings, planning documents or anything like that which would help to understand the Health Board's approach to this matter.**

Please refer to the attached document.