

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/502**

**Maintenance Backlog**

**Information Requested:**

1. In this health board, what is the total size of the maintenance backlog? Please provide the estimated value of the work to be completed in pounds sterling as well as a breakdown of what work is outstanding, and the cost associated with undertaking that work. Please outline what date individual items of outstanding work were added to the maintenance list. Please also provide the total size of the maintenance backlog in pounds sterling at the end of the 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/2020, 2018/19 and 2017/18 financial years.
2. In this health board, if maintenance work is urgently required, but has not been actioned as yet, please highlight this in your response to the above question. If there is an estimated start date for this work, please outline this. If there is no estimated start date, please highlight this and provide a reason.
3. In this health board, are there concerns about the structural integrity of any part of the estate or any buildings at risk of collapse if maintenance work is not completed? If so, please outline whether work is planned or underway to avert the risk of collapse or further damage. If work is planned or underway to avert the risk of collapse, please outline what that work is.
4. In this health board, where there are concerns around the structural integrity of buildings, please outline the scale of expenditure on mitigating safety measures in the 2022/23 financial year so far. Please also provide the scale of expenditure on mitigating safety measures in the 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/2020, 2018/19 and 2017/18 financial years.

**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 Section 16 of the FOIA, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist,, the UHB can advise that the current standing of the backlog is £101,262,019.