

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/013
Enfys Field Hospitals

1. How many temporary so called Enfys Rainbow hospitals did you have in your area?

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2. Where were they?

Centre of Cardiff, based within the Principality Stadium

3. How long did it take to build or equip, and open its door?

It took 16 days between confirming the Stadium as the site for the hospital and opening the first 335 beds to patients. The remaining beds (up to 1500) were made available. 14 days later the remaining beds to take total bed numbers to 1500 were made available.

4. Were they fully staffed?

No, the full 1500 beds were not required, staffing plans were made up to total of 1500 beds and staff were made available for the first 350 beds.

5. How much did they cost to create?

The total cost of setting up the Dragons Heart Hospital, maintaining the facility and decommissioning to leave the stadium in the state it was found amounted to £54.769m which included £2.368m of capital funding.

6. How much use were made of them i.e. bed use?

46 patients in total were admitted and treated at the Dragons Heart Hospital

7. Did staff shortages mean the hospitals could not be fully commissioned

The Hospital was fully commissioned but staff were not required due to lack of demand against predicted number of patients.

8. What happened to them? i.e. dismantled? and when?

The Hospital discharged its last patient on the 4th June 2020 and then remained on standby and staff were deployed back to other Health Board sites. The site was then decommissioned in September 2020 and in November of 2020 handed back to the Welsh Rugby Union. Wherever possible kit and equipment used within the stadium was used to deliver care in other Health Board sites.

9. How much money did this provide to off-set set-up costs?

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 which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you that all capital assets funded by the £2.368m funding were re-deployed across the UHB.