

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/148
Whitchurch Hospital

Information Requested:

This is a Freedom of Information (FOI) request, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- **Firstly, I would like an update on recent actions taken by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to safeguard and preserve the fabric of the Victorian heritage site CADW register reference 11715. This building is Whitchurch Hospital which is a Grade II Listed Building in Whitchurch, Cardiff. It was listed on the 15th April 1994 because it is the best example in Wales of a large mental hospital using echelon plan form, and for its special architectural interest as the work of Sir George Oatley and Willie Skinner.**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) can confirm that no dedicated work has taken place to the former Whitchurch Hospital.

The site has multiple buildings protected under Grade II listed status, namely six Octagonal shelters (Victorian pagodas) in the grounds to the east, south-east, south-south-east, south-south-west, south-west and west of the main hospital building. In addition to the main hospital, there is the hospital chapel. (CADW references are 11713, 11712, 11711, 11710, 11709, 11708 respectively).

- **Further to joint site visit made by Cardiff Council Conservation Officers and CAVUHB personnel on 15th January 2021, a Heritage Briefing Report: Whitchurch Hospital and the Historic Buildings Condition Database: Building Database was updated. This classified the listed building as 'at risk' and specified six areas that needed major repairs, three areas that needed minor repairs and two areas requiring full replacement. This report is dated 28/01/2021. Therefore I wish know what progress has been made on each of the eleven building elements specified in that report.**

No remedial works have been undertaken to the former Whitchurch Hospital buildings.

- **Secondly I wish to receive copies of any reports since 28/01/2023 by CAVUHB personnel regarding their monitoring of the condition of this CADW listed site.**

No condition reports have been commissioned since 28/01/2023.

Thirdly, given that CAVUHB is a public body that utilises public monies in the exercise of its functions, I wish to know how much CAVUHB has spent on security for the site annually since Whitchurch Hospital's closure in 2016. I do not require any contractual details of the contracts with the private security firms but simple a 'global' figure per annum.

The UHB have spent a figure of £425,000 annually on securing Whitchurch Hospital and its grounds.