

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/23/577**  
**Home Birth Services**

**1. Year-on-year costs for outsourcing arrangements incurred by Cardiff and Vale Health Board since 2015.**

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.

**2. All relevant board minutes relating to the provision of home birth services since January 2022.**

After considering your request, the UHB believes that section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies in this instance and is refusing your request.

Under section 21 of the Act, an organisation does not have to respond to a request if the information being sought is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. The UHB has applied this exemption to your request as the information you are seeking is available in the public domain. Under our section 16 obligation to advise and assist, I can confirm that the relevant data can be found via the following link: [Cardiff and Vale UHB Board Meetings](#).

**3. Any correspondence received from the Welsh Government on the provision of home birth services since January 2022.**

The UHB does not hold this information.