

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/23/631

Posters

Information Requested:

This is an information request relating to posters paid for by the trust in the last 3 financial years, and the current year to date (2019/20 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23).

Please include the following information:

- total amount and cost of all posters paid for by the trust which are used in the hospitals, clinics, offices and other buildings of the trust.
- the total number of posters in foreign languages paid for by the trust
- the total cost of foreign language posters

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 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') 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, in accordance with a public authority's duty to advise and assist under section 16 of the Act, the UHB can inform you that poster costs are not specifically coded in the accounts ledgers. In some cases, expenditure on posters can be identified from the invoice description entered on the system but this may be unreliable as costs may simply be recorded as printing, laminating or other.

The UHB can additionally provide the following expenditure table where poster or posters was specifically stated.

	Financial Year ending 31 March			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Sum of Amount	£5,374	£7,465	£6,146	£15,758