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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/092
Staff, Estate and Supported Living

Information Requested:

I hope you can provide me with information about the NHS estate within the geographical area of South Wales.

Specifically, I would like information about; a) Cardiff & Vale University Health Board, b) Cwm Taff Morgannwg University Health Board, c) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board. Plus, any buildings not included in the above organizations, but located within the geographical region of the above Boards. For example, d) Velindre and/or e) Public Health Wales.

I would like information on:

(i) The total number of employees at a given location/site (e.g. Heath Hospital, Cardiff).
(ii) The total number of beds within those hospitals.
(iii) The number of the population that those boards serve.
(iv) The location of those hospitals (a map of with sites plotted would be very useful).
(v) Contact details for staff/representatives that assist staff with accommodation requirements.
(vi) Contact details for staff/representatives, or companies that assist members of the public within a 'supported-living' environment.

Response Details:

(i) Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold this information. However, as per our duty to advise and assist under section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000), the UHB can advise that it does not categorise by location, because many roles cover multiple sites.

Additionally, as at 1 January 2024, the total whole time equivalent (WTE) for the UHB was 15,434 WTE, of which circa 11,730 WTE would be predominantly based at University Hospital of Wales.

(ii) The below is based on the number of beds as at a point in time. Depending on demand, the number of beds is flexed to meet these pressures, therefore the number of beds can vary.

University Hospital of Wales – 1,119
University Hospital Llandough (including Hafan y Coed) – 669
Barry Hospital – 37
St David's Hospital – 91
Community Mental Health Sites – 31

(iii) After considering your request, the UHB believes that section 21 of the FOIA 2000 applies in this instance and is refusing your request.

Under section 21 of the FOIA 2000, a public authority 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, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) has recorded the population size of Cardiff at 'around 362,300' people following the census in 2021.[1] Equally, the population for the Vale of Glamorgan was recorded at 'around 131,900' people according to the ONS in 2021.[2]

(iv) After considering your request, the UHB believes that section 21 of the FOIA 2000 applies in this instance and is refusing your request.

Under our section 16 obligation to advise and assist, I can confirm that the relevant information can be found at the following weblink: Our Hospitals.

(v) After considering your request, the UHB believes that the data requested is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018. Its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing with regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of the GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under section 40(2) of the FOIA 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

(vi) The UHB believes the exemption outlined in section 40(2) of the FOIA 2000 to apply here and is therefore withholding this information.

[1] https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/censusareachanges/W06000015/
[2] https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/censusareachanges/W06000014/