



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our Ref: ATISN 11466
4 October 2017

Dear ,

ATISN 11466 – Brexit and NHS Wales

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on 10 August 2017. You asked for the following information:

1. Please release any written assessment of the effects of leaving:
 - (a) The European Union on (i) the Welsh NHS (ii) the Welsh NHS workforce (iii) Welsh patient access to medicines and treatments.
 - (b) The European Medicines Agency on (i) the Welsh NHS (ii) the Welsh NHS workforce (iii) Welsh patient access to medicines and treatments.
 - (c) Euratom on (i) the Welsh NHS (ii) the Welsh NHS workforce (iii) Welsh patient access to medicines and treatments.

2. Please release any written records of any communications within the last six months between the Welsh Government and:
 - (a) any Statutory Health body in Wales;
 - (b) any Ministry of the UK Government; or
 - (c) the UK Permanent Representation to the EU
on the impact of leaving the European Union on the NHS workforce.

3. Please release any written impact assessment, assessment, situation analysis, risk register or similar document produced by:
 - (a) the UK Government;
 - (b) the Welsh Government; or
 - (c) a third party

on the effects of leaving the European Union on the NHS workforce.

4. Please release any information on the number of NHS Wales staff who:
 - (a) are non-UK citizens and if possible broken down by profession;
 - (b) are non-UK EU citizens and if possible broken down by profession;
 - (c) are non-UK non-EU citizens and if possible broken down by profession.

Some of the information you have requested is exempt under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act because it is reasonably accessible to you within the public domain. Section 21 (1) of the FOI Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means. I am pleased to provide you with the following links:

1. Brexit and Fair Movement of People documentation - <https://beta.gov.wales/brexit>
2. Securing Wales' Future – https://beta.gov.wales/sites/default/files/2017-01/30683%20Securing%20Wales%C2%B9%20Future_ENGLISH_WEB.pdf
3. Welsh NHS Confederation briefing paper - <http://www.nhsconfed.org/~media/Confederation/Files/Wales%20Confed/The%20path%20to%20Brexit.pdf>

The remaining information held by the Welsh Government that falls within scope of the above request is attached at annex A – L. I have concluded that, in this instance, the names of members of staff within Welsh Government amounts to personal data. Therefore some of the information contained within these documents is exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act – Personal data and has been redacted for this reason.

It should be noted that extensive work is underway across Welsh Government to ensure we maximise our influence in discussions within the UK on Brexit and to secure the best possible outcome for Wales. The whole Cabinet is engaged in ensuring the interests of Wales are heard and, once the UK has left the European Union, will be protected.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@gov.wales

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Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,

Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,