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Director General Health and Social Services/
NHS Wales Chief Executive
Health and Social Services Group



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our Ref: ATISN 11897
Date: 20 March 2018

Dear ,

**Complaint in Respect of Request for Information – Reference ATISN 11897 –
Independent review into claims of political interference**

In your email of 10 January, you requested the following information:

- A copy of the independent review commissioned by the Welsh Government in response to claims of political interference made by the former chief executive of the Board of Community Health Councils.

On 7 February, we wrote to you indicating that we believe that the information is exempt from disclosure under section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act and was therefore withheld.

I have conducted a review of your case and I am satisfied with the use of section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act to withhold the information. I have reviewed our application of the exemptions and I am satisfied that they were correctly applied. Accordingly, I believe the information should continue to be withheld.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: to casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae
Pencoed
Bridgend
CF35 5LJ

Telephone: 0845 6010987 (local rate)
Email: ask@ombudsman-wales.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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