



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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31 March 2020

Dear ,

ATISN 13842 – Hywel Dda University Health Board, over Disability Access & Safety plus Reasonable Adjustments & Provisions Issues

Thank you for your e-mail to the Welsh Government requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), received on 04 March. I have interpreted your request as follows:

In relation to Hywel Dda University Health Board (H DUHB)

- 1. A current disability – equality impact assessment (D-EIA) report for H DUHB which is less than two-years old and produced by an independent disability access expert*
 - Please give name, address, qualifications, specialist training courses attended by expert or experts, and how long each has been a disability access & facilities plus assistive technology expert (years of experiences).*
 - As disability access & facilities plus assistive technology is a wide field, no one individual or so-called expert can be an expert in all these areas, the health board would require a specialised company or team of experts to be employed. Therefore, please state who these disability access & facilities plus assistive technology experts are registered with (i.e. independent body, association, or Government authorities).*
 - Copies of H DUHB bi-annual on-going D-EIA review reports for all H DUHB buildings, personnel & training, H DUHB policies, procedures and systems. H DUHB’s own websites, telecommunications, internal and external communication systems, and all official paperwork.*
 - Were you aware of any disabled groups that were affected daily when accessing your NHS goods, services or buildings etc within this legal requirement? Yes or No.*
 - Copy of the D-EIA review report for accessible information - no older than two years.*

- *Copy of the D-EIA review report for personal & training with regards disability & equality laws awareness training, for HDUHB Board members, directors and managers, medical personnel and administration staff - no older than two years.*
 - *Copy of the D-EIA report for the new Integrated Healthcare Centre on Bathhouse Road, Ceredigion, which was produced as part of the planning application and presented to the local planning officers and planning committee.*
2. *Copy of disability fire safety assessment (D-FSA) report which is less than two years old and produced by an independent disability fire safety expert on behalf of HDUHB for the Integrated Healthcare Centre on Bathhouse Road, Ceredigion.*
 - *Please give name, address, qualifications, specialist training courses attended by expert or experts, how long each have been a disability fire safety expert (years of experiences) and who they are registered with (i.e. independent body, association, or Government authorities).*
 3. *Copy of the disability health and safety assessment (D-HAS) report that was carried out for the Integrated Healthcare Centre on Bathhouse Road, Ceredigion.*
 - *Please give name, address, qualifications, specialist training courses attended by expert or experts, how long each have been a disability health and safety expert (years of experiences) and who they are registered with (i.e. independent body, association, or Government Authorities).*
 4. *The name and contact details of HDUHB's disability & equality officer.*
 5. *The name and contact details of HDUHB's disability access officer*
 6. *The name and contact details of HDUHB's disability assistive technology officer*
 7. *Name of health board officer responsible for providing accessible information*
 8. *Names of all the members of HDUHB's disability advisory group (disability partnership or disability forum).*
 - *All contact details for the disability advisory group including postal and email address, telephone number, type-talk, text message number, voice message number, fax and website address.*
 - *Copy of the terms of reference, rules and standards and complaints procedures of the disability advisory group.*
 9. *Copies of all documents from the fire safety or health and safety experts where they have stated mobility scooters, whether Class 2 or Class 3 machines, are unsafe in public buildings, or unsafe in general terms anywhere.*

Copies of signed and dated written reports by the HDUHB experts.

*Were these documents presented to HDUHB Board members at the time, or since?
Yes or No?*

Were these documents presented to the local council, police, ambulance or fire rescue services, or to the Minister for Health and Social Services or other Welsh Assembly Members or local councillors? Yes or No?

If yes, when and please give full details. If No, why not?

Which individual mobility scooter is deemed as being unsafe, by name of manufacture and model, and why these individual mobility scooters are unsafe.

Provide full written details of any safety testing carried out of these mobility scooters which failed safety testing and why.

Provide full written details of accidents and/or incidents which involved these mobility scooters.

If the health board had knowledge that these mobility scooters were unsafe and placed the general public at risk or in harm's way when they are used in public building such as health centres, hospitals, GP surgeries, dental practices, chemists, or any other public building, did you inform DHSC and MRHA, Yes or No.

If Yes, when and give full written details? If No, why not?

Or was DfT inform? Yes or No

If Yes, when and give full written details? If No, why not?

10. Names of HDUHB Board members that are either appointed or elected to represent

- a. the local vulnerable and disabled patients and community*
- b. the local elderly and chronically ill patients and community*
- c. the local parents of children with special needs Patients and community*
- d. local young people with disabilities patients and community*
- e. local families with a disabled or chronically ill relative who they provide care to as family carers patients and community*

Does the health board follow Government rules and standards for requirements since 2010 regarding appointing and electing a percentage of Board members to be disabled. Yes or No?

Following a search of our records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Welsh Government, although we are aware that Hywel Dda University Health Board's Disability & Equality Officer is Jackie Hooper and she be contacted on the following:

Senior Diversity and Inclusion Officer
Hywel Dda University Health Board

Block 6
Prince Phillip Hospital
Llanelli SA14 8QF

Tel: 01554 756567 Ext 3868
WHTN: 0 1824 3868 or 6955
Email: Jackie.hooper@wales.nhs.uk

Hywel Dda University Health Board is also a member of the All Wales Senior Officers Group for Sensory Loss and is represented by Helen Sullivan. Helen can be contacted using the following email - Helen.Sullivan@wales.nhs.uk

You may also wish to contact Hywel Dda University Health Board directly and I have provided their contact details below:

The Freedom of Information Officer
Hywel Dda University Health Board
Corporate Offices
Ystwyth Building
St David's Park
Job's Well Road
Carmarthen, SA31 3BB

Email: FOI.HywelDda@wales.nhs.uk

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: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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,