



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 14384

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Dear

ATISN 14384 – Nightingale Hospitals

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 30 September. You requested the following information regarding 'Nightingale Hospitals', specifically:

- *How many Covid-19 patients are actually in any of these nightingale hospitals at this present time, and*
- *How many of these hospitals are being dismantled, never even having a single patient*

We previously clarified that nightingale hospitals only operate in England and relates to 'temporary field hospitals and surge facilities' in Wales.

NHS management information held by Welsh Government indicates that on 30 September 2020 - the date on which your request was received – no (zero) beds were occupied by confirmed Covid-19 patients in temporary field hospitals and surge facilities in Wales.

In a statement published on 29 September, the Minister for Health and Social Services set out the operational status of field hospitals in Wales, and plans for the operation of these facilities for the remainder of 2020/2021. A link to the statement is available below:

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-additional-bed-capacity-plans-remainder-20202021>

In this statement, the Minister indicated that 19 field hospitals were originally established and confirmed that, of these, ten temporary field hospitals will be retained across four health boards in Wales. This temporary capacity will be supplemented by maximising capacity within existing NHS hospital facilities, the expedited opening of the Grange University Hospital in Cwmbran, and a new modular building to be located at University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff.

Field hospital facilities not identified for retention have either already been decommissioned or are in the process of being decommissioned by the relevant Local Health Board. Information relating to the total number of patients admitted to these facilities during the period they have been operational is not centrally held by the Welsh Government, but would be available from the relevant Local Health Board.

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

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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,