

By Email:

26 October 2021

Dear

Reference: ATISN 15563 – Request for Information – Healthcare Entities Inspections

Thank you for your request, received on 3 October 2021, for a copy of the following information:

1. *A breakdown of healthcare entities by how recently inspections were done, how many have never been inspected etc, and grades of how they've been classified.*

Please find attached a list of healthcare settings that have been inspected by HIW and the date they were inspected. This information covers the period 19 February 2014 to 14 October 2021.

HIW does not have an inspection grading system. However, if a healthcare setting falls below the minimum standards, an immediate assurance notice (NHS bodies) or a non-compliance notice (Independent healthcare settings) is issued within 2 working days which requires an urgent response from the health board and/or setting.

I would also like to add that HIW primarily adopts a risk based approach to planning our NHS inspection programme rather than frequency. Our programme is based upon intelligence we have, or risks that we are concerned about. These issues may lead to us planning an inspection to a healthcare setting. If we have inspected a setting/practice, then the report is published on our website, which can be accessed via the following link: <https://hiw.org.uk/>

In order to provide you with the information of healthcare settings not inspected by HIW, it would require a significant amount of time as we would need to conduct a search against approximately 3500 individual healthcare setting records. The 'appropriate limit' is set out in the Freedom of Information & Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations and, for central government, that's £600 or 24 hours. This means if we estimate it would take over 24 hours to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it then we can refuse the request. On this basis, we will not be providing this information, as dealing with it would exceed the appropriate limit.

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You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope. For example, by highlighting more specific time frames and types of settings.

HIW operates within the Welsh Government's framework for handling Freedom of Information requests. 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: Freedomofinformation@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

1. List of HIW Inspections completed - 19 February 2014 to 14 October 2021.