

6 July 2023

Dear

ATISN 17466 – NHS Invacare Limited

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 09 May 2023 relating to NHS Invacare Limited. Please accept our apologies for the delay in providing a response.

You requested the following:

Please provide under a FOI the following information based on the company Invacare Ltd, or any name used for the same company or Group and the relationship with Welsh Government.

1. *When was Invacare added to the NHS Shared Services provider list?*
2. *Under what procurement arrangement did this occur- open tender, Framework or other method?*
3. *Was the procurement exclusive to NHS contracts or apply across the whole of the Welsh Government Departments?*
4. *Is there any direct linkage between the WG contracting arrangement with Invacare and that which exists between the Local Authorities in Wales and their arrangements?*
5. *How many contracts have been awarded to Invacare since being added to the supplier list?*
6. *What is the value of each contract?*
7. *What organisations were the services of Invacare procured for i.e., which Health Boards or Government Departments?*
8. *Has any review of the services provided by Invacare ever taken place, if so when and by which officials?*
9. *Have any officials or Politicians ever declared any links with Invacare?*
10. *How many of the contracts were of a value that required a Ministerial sign off?*
11. *How many of the contracts should have been signed off by a Minister?*
12. *Has there ever been any concerns about the work undertaken by Invacare, when, which organisation and what action was taken?*
13. *What are the names of any other companies in the same category as the services provided by Invacare?*
14. *Of the total number of contracts awarded for the type of work undertaken by Invacare – how many were awarded to Invacare and a breakdown of the contract value of those awarded to other businesses.*
15. *Does the Welsh Government contract with any other companies of which the Directors of Invacare have an interest?*
16. *What if any are the value of any declared gifts from Invacare to any politician or official?*

Our Response

1. We do not hold this information. This information will be held by NHS Shared Services (NWSSP) and could be requested from that organisation. Should

you wish to contact NHS Shared Services, I have provided their contact details below:

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP)
4-5 Charnwood Court,
Heol Billingsley,
Parc Nantgarw,
Cardiff, CF15 7QZ
Email: shared.services@wales.nhs.uk

2. *As 1 above.*
3. *As 1 above. Welsh Government does not have a contracting arrangement with Invacare.*
4. *There is no direct linkage between contracting arrangements of Welsh Government and Local Authorities generally.*
5. *We do not hold information on how many contracts have been awarded since addition to the NWSSP supplier list. Welsh Government only holds information on its own contracts and NHS contracts referred in to Welsh Government as part of standing procurement procedures.*

Welsh Government has no contracts with Invacare. Three contract awards by the NHS involving Invacare have been submitted to Welsh Government to note the award in the last 5 years. Of the three, two were framework arrangements where we do not hold information on the split of expenditure between successful suppliers in Welsh Government. The one sole contract award had an estimated value of £827,896.00.

6. *See 5 above.*
7. *Each of the contract awards submitted to Welsh Government were for NHS services on an All-Wales basis. We do not hold information on the NHS organisation who were provided with services under those contracts.*
8. *We are not aware of any review of services provided by Invacare.*
9. *No links have been declared by senior officials or Ministers. Information on declarations of interest is publicly available on the Welsh Government website.*

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10. *Three contract awards by the NHS Wales involving Invacare have been submitted to Welsh Government to note the award in the last 5 years. Of the three contracts above none required consent and none were referred to Ministers as approval is delegated to officials*

11. *See 10.*
12. *We are unaware of any concerns being raised.*
13. *We do not hold information on all companies who provide the same services.*
14. *See 13 above.*
15. *We do not hold recorded information on the interests of the directors of Invacare.*
16. *No gifts from Invacare have been declared by Welsh Ministers or officials.*

Next steps

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,