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Cynnar Health, Social Care and Early Years Group**



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

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Dear ,

**ATISN 19646 – NHS Wales Executive**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 04 June 2024 regarding NHS Wales Executive. You have requested the following:

1. Can you please share the structure of NHS Wales Executive?
2. Does NHS Wales Executive hold Board meetings?
  - a. If they do, please can you send me the link where I can find Board papers.
  - b. If not, can you please explain why they don't hold public Board meetings.

**Our Response**

I can confirm that Welsh Government does hold some of the information that you are requesting.

**Regarding question 1:**

Please find a link to the NHS Executive stakeholder newsletters which contain information on its structure and functions and provides an overview of its governance model:

- Stakeholder update – [March 2024](#)
- Stakeholder update – [November 2023](#)

**Regarding question 2:**

The establishment of the NHS Wales Executive (the Executive) brought together several existing national NHS functions in a unique hybrid organisational model – hosted within Public Health Wales and governed and directed by Welsh Government. It is not a statutory body and does not have a board.

The creation of the Executive has streamlined previous arrangements, ensuring a clearer single line of accountability to the Welsh Government and to the Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care. The Cabinet Secretary and Ministers set priorities, targets, and outcome measures for the NHS in the form of the NHS Planning Framework. The role of the

Executive is to work on behalf of the Welsh Government to monitor, support and challenge NHS organisations to transform services in line with the overall strategic direction and national priorities and standards set by Ministers.

Welsh Government provides the strategic direction for and oversight of the NHS Executive via the Health Social Care and Early Years Group (HSCEY) Executive Director Team (EDT). The priorities for the Executive to deliver are set out by Welsh Government in an annual mandate and remit letter. The day-to-day operational delivery of the work of the NHS Executive is the responsibility of the NHS Executive Senior Leadership Team (SLT). The SLT are responsible for developing and delivering a workplan to meet what is set out in the mandate and remit letter and are accountable to the HSCEY EDT and, ultimately, the Director General (DG) HSCEY / Chief Executive (CEO) NHS Wales through to Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care, for this.

[Links to the mandate and remit letters for 2023/24 and 2024/25, as well as the NHS Executive workplan can be found here.](#)

Assurance of delivery is provided through bi-annual accountability review meetings between the DG HSCEY / CEO NHS Wales and the Executive's SLT, as well as Joint Executive Team meetings between the Chief Executives of NHS Wales and Public Health Wales.

For further information about the NHS Executive, please find links to stakeholder newsletters which set out the structure and functions of the Executive and provides an overview of its governance model:

- Stakeholder update – [March 2024](#)
- Stakeholder update – [November 2023](#)

The NHS Wales Executive [website](#) also provides further detail on its work.

If you have any further questions regarding the NHS Wales Executive, you may wish to contact the Executive's hosting body via the following details:

- Email – [foi.phw@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.phw@wales.nhs.uk)
- Telephone – 029 2010 4308
- In writing – Freedom of Information Office  
Public Health Wales  
Floor 3  
2 Capital Quarter  
Tyndall Street  
Cardiff  
CF10 4BZ

## 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](mailto: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,