

27 September 2024

Dear

## **ATISN 21967 – NHS Management**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 25 September 2024

You have requested the following:

1. *Any research commissioned by the Welsh Government on the issue of governance in the Welsh NHS.*

### **Our Response**

In October 2023, the former Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, set up a Ministerial Advisory Group to reflect on the current governance structures in NHS Wales. Led by Ann Lloyd, Chair of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, the group has provided advice and recommendations about actions needed to strengthen accountabilities.

The Welsh Government's initial response to the Ministerial Advisory Group's seven overarching recommendations will be published in the Autumn 2024.

The Welsh Government's focus in the coming 18 months is improving NHS performance and supporting the ongoing recovery from the pandemic. Those recommendations which help take that focus forward will be prioritised.

### **Next Steps**

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response.

We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer  
Welsh Government  
Cathays Park  
CARDIFF  
CF10 3NQ  
Email: [DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales](mailto:DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales)

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  
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,