

22 October 2024

Dear

## **ATISN 21994 – NHS Advisory Groups**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 05 October 2024. You had referred to the Cabinet Statement relating to the Performance and Productivity Ministerial Advisory Group dated 01 October 2024 and requested the following:

- *To send you information of any other external groups that have been paid to provide opinions regarding NHS Wales, along with the money paid, from 2020 onwards.*

## **Our Response**

Welsh Government are aware of two external groups that falls into scope of your request and these are listed below along with links to their reports.

- In October 2022, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) was commissioned to carry out a review of NHS hospital clinical pharmacy services in Wales. A copy of the report can be found here: [Review of clinical pharmacy services at NHS Hospitals in Wales | GOV.WALES](#)). The RPS was paid £116,000 plus VAT (total £139,200) for the review.
- In June 2022, two independent clinical experts were commissioned to carry out a review of the health protection system in Wales. A copy of the report can be found here: [Report of the independent review of the health protection system | GOV.WALES](#)). The experts were paid a total of £14,672.47 for the review.

## **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,