

27 November 2024

Dear

## **ATISN 22140 – Clinical negligence**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 26 November 2024 relating to clinical negligence claims in Wales. You have requested the following:

*Please could you provide the number of clinical negligence claims made each year in Wales between 2003-2024 for the following NHS boards/trusts:*

- *Aneurin Bevan University Health Board*
- *Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board*
- *Swansea Bay University Health Board*
- *Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board*
- *Cardiff & Vale University Health Board*
- *Hywel Dda University Health Board*
- *Powys Teaching Health Board*

## **Our Response**

Welsh Government does not hold the level of information you have requested, however we can confirm that information relating to clinical negligence claims is already in the public domain and is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

Each health board is required to publish its Annual Report and Annual Accounts and can be found on their web pages. Further information regarding negligence claims may be available from individual health boards and you may wish to contact them on this matter. I have added a link below that provides contact points for each health board: [Contact us - NHS Wales](#)

## **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

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,