

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_110_16

You asked:

To give you some background, I'm trying to work out a total estimate for the current cost of Welsh language legislation to all public bodies in Wales, and an estimate for how much the new standards will cost them in total, as part of a programme evaluating the various ways of supporting the Welsh language (of which legislation is just one). The programme is due to be broadcast at the end of May.

The Welsh Gov press office has been able to explain how this relates to health boards (please see below), but I'd also like to know if you're able to give me costs on what you're currently spending on Welsh language legislation, and estimates for the cost of complying to the new standards.

Do you think you'll be able to make this information available, before or after perdah? A bit of guidance on this would be useful.

Nb. I'm sure you know this, but if it helps - The information on costs would be likely to come from regulatory impact assessments filled out as part of the Welsh Language Commissioner's consultation into the standards.

Our response:

There is no central budget for Welsh language legislation within Cwm Taf University Health Board (CTUHB). Costs for Welsh language services, such as translation is built in to individual departmental budgets. We are therefore unable to provide the current cost of Welsh language legislation.

The Freedom of Information Act refers to recorded information that is held by an organisation. I can confirm that Cwm Taf University Health Board does not hold an estimate for how much the new Welsh standards will cost the Health Board.