

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_330_17

You asked:

I am writing to request information held by your health board (NHS Wales) under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000, as follows.

I would like the answers to the following questions, A-D. If it is not possible to answer all of the questions, then I would like you to prioritise the questions as ordered, i.e. A is the most important and D the least important.

A) How many applications did general practices (GP surgeries), in your health board, make to formally close their practice lists in each of the years:

- 2013-14;
- 2014-15;
- 2015-16;
- 2016-17;
- And year to date (or the latest available information) in 2017-18?

B) How many applications (from general practices to formally close their practice lists) did commissioners, in your health board, reject in each of the years:

- 2013-14;
- 2014-15;
- 2015-16;
- 2016-17;
- And year to date (or the latest available information) in 2017-18?

C) How many applications (from general practices to formally close their practice lists) did commissioners, in your health board, accept in each of the years:

- 2013-14;
- 2014-15;
- 2015-16;
- 2016-17;
- And year to date (or the latest available information) in 2017-18?

D) In cases of rejection, what reasons did your health board/commissioners give for that decision?

Our response:

A) How many applications did general practices (GP surgeries), in your health board, make to formally close their practice lists in each of the years:

- 2013-14; = 1
- 2014-15; = 0
- 2015-16; = 0
- 2016-17; = 1
- And year to date (or the latest available information) in 2017-18? = 1

B) How many applications (from general practices to formally close their practice lists) did commissioners, in your health board, reject in each of the years:

- 2013-14; = 0
- 2014-15; = 0
- 2015-16; = 0
- 2016-17; = 0
- And year to date (or the latest available information) in 2017-18? = 0

C) How many applications (from general practices to formally close their practice lists) did commissioners, in your health board, accept in each of the years:

- 2013-14; = 1
- 2014-15; = 0
- 2015-16; = 0

- 2016-17; = 1
- And year to date (or the latest available information) in 2017-18? = 1
The application is still in process but our advice and plan is to support the practice in closing the list

D) In cases of rejection, what reasons did your health board/commissioners give for that decision? – N/A