

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB\_107\_18**

### **You asked:**

I have been unable to find any information on the Cwm Taf University Health Board website with regard to Dr David H Simpson and his appointment as Chair of the Independent Review Panel into Continuing Health Care applications.

Please supply:

- Details of this public appointment.
- Any web information in respect of the appointment.
- How many fully constituted Independent Review Panels that Dr David H Simpson has presided over.
- How many cases as Chair of the IRP has he alone acted as sole arbiter with regard to eligibility of CHC.

### **Our response:**

Unfortunately, we do not hold any details regarding the Public Appointment process for any specific individual. You may be able to get additional information from the Centre for Public Appointments, here is a link to the website: <https://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/>.

There is also a Commissioner for Public Appointments and additional information is available here:

<https://publicappointmentscommissioner.independent.gov.uk/about-us/>

You will be aware that the 'Continuing NHS Healthcare: The National Framework for Implementation in Wales' was published in 2014 and the setting up of the Review Panel is clarified in Annex 5 namely:

'A.5.1 Local Health Boards must have access to a standing panel, comprising as a minimum an independent chair, representative of a LHB and a local authority. It will also have access to expert opinion. In order to avoid delays in the process and to maximise the available expertise, health boards are encouraged to operate a regional panel system'

For Cwm Taf University Health Board this comprises of:

| South & East Region                                 |   |
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| Local Health Boards                                 | Local Authorities   |
| Aneurin Bevan<br>Cardiff & Vale<br>Cwm Taf<br>Powys | Newport<br>Torfaen<br>Blaenau Gwent<br>Caerphilly<br>Monmouthshire<br>Rhondda Cynon Taff<br>Merthyr<br>Cardiff<br>Vale of Glamorgan |

The framework document and other information is available here:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/continuingnhshealthcare>.

I can confirm that Dr David Simpson has chaired over 29 Independent Review Panels for both retrospective and contemporary cases in the Cwm Taf area since 2014.

Please note that in line with the Framework guidance, the chair of an Independent Review Panel does not act alone as sole arbiter with regard to eligibility of Continuing Health Care, as a minimum the panel has an independent chair, representative of a LHB and a local authority.