

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_108_18

You asked:

I am writing to obtain information about elections to the Trust's Council of Governors, for all elections held since 2012.

Please include the following information:

- Date of ballot
- Balloting company used
- Total number of eligible voters
- Number of ballots issued (if different from the above)
- Number of votes cast
- Number of paper ballots
- Number of electronic ballots
- Turnout
- Total Cost
- Cost charge by balloting company for admin
- Cost charged for scrutineering including staff
- Costs for other services
- Any events or activities either social, marketing, CPD that your existing and potential ballot suppliers invite you too

Our response:

Your request is in relation the requirements for Foundation Trusts in NHS England to have a Council of Governors and there are no Foundation NHS Trusts within NHS Wales. Here is a link to explain the structure of the NHS in Wales: <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/nhswalesaboutus/structure>.

You may wish to note that the Local Health Boards in Wales are required to have Stakeholder Reference Groups. The Stakeholder Reference Group is made up of a range of representatives from the LHB and its partners to advise the Board on local health & well-being issues. The Chair of the SRG, is also appointed as an Associate Member of the University Health Board.

The purpose of the Stakeholder Reference Group in Cwm Taf is to:

- Ensure that citizens are at the heart of issues relating to local health services
- Influence the planning, design and delivery of local health services
- Determining the LHB's corporate stance within and contribution to local partnerships
- Channel progress, issues and performance from partnerships back into the LHB
- Reflect localism and local issues

- Build upon the LHB's successful engagement mechanisms and practice
- Provide a sounding board for the LHB
- Provide a forum for meaningful and genuine engagement with stakeholders
- Discuss the balance between and action against national priorities and competing local issues.