

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_200_18

You asked:

- 1. The name of your supplier for electricity and gas, for each year as far back as possible without incurring unreasonable cost or working time for you.**

Cwm Taf Health Board was established on 1 October 2009, therefore, due to disparate systems used within predecessor organisations, we are only able to provide information from this date onwards.

Gas and electricity are purchased under a contract tendered by [NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership](#) - Procurement Services contract.

Gas – 2009 to date – British Gas

Electricity – 2009 to 2015 – both British Gas and SWALEC

Electricity – 2015 to date – British Gas

- 2. The unit rate and standing charge you are currently being charged by your energy supplier.**

The unit rate and standing charge currently being charged by Cwm Taf University Health Board's energy supplier varies per site, fuel and per month. The electricity & gas unit rates are purchased on the open market by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership - Procurement Services, to achieve best value for money.

I can confirm that Cwm Taf Health Board holds information relating to standing charge & unit rates.

However, I would like to advise you that the information you requested is being withheld under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The exemption which the Health Board has applied to this information is: Section (43)(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Health Board considers the information to be of a commercially sensitive nature and that the release of this information would or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any parties concerned.

The University Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency however, the Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could have the effect of discouraging companies from dealing with the

Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn this could then jeopardise the Health Boards ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money.

3. The cost of your energy bill for the past 12 months, for electricity and gas.

The cost of the energy bill for the past 12 months, for electricity and gas from March 2017 to April 2018 is £4,012,980 inc vat at the appropriate rates per site & per invoice as the VAT rate varies on consumption.