

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_82_21

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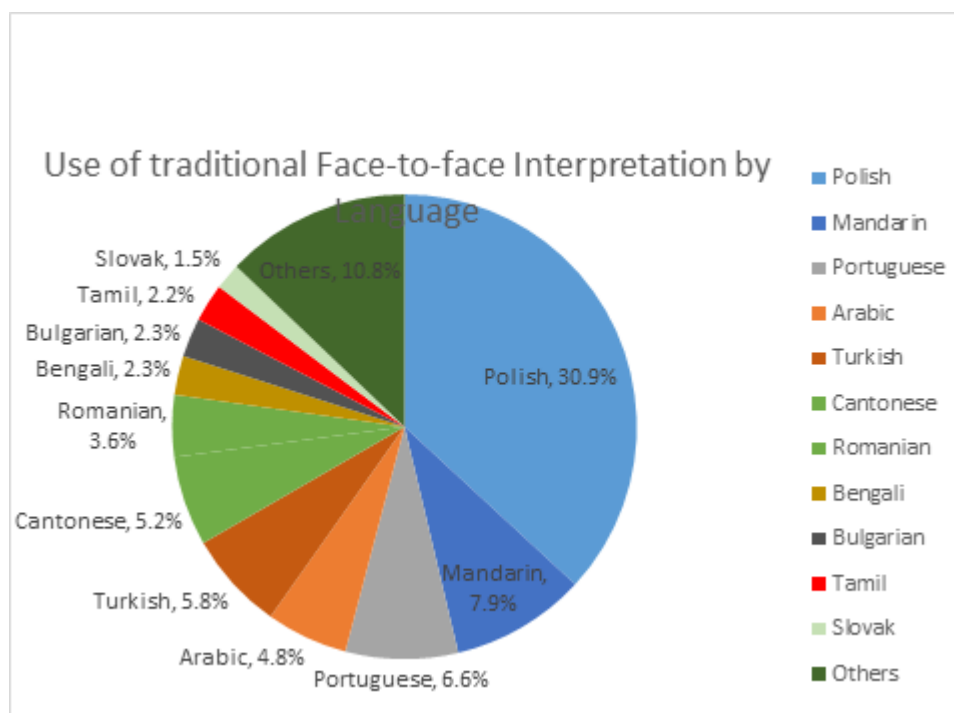
I would like to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the following:

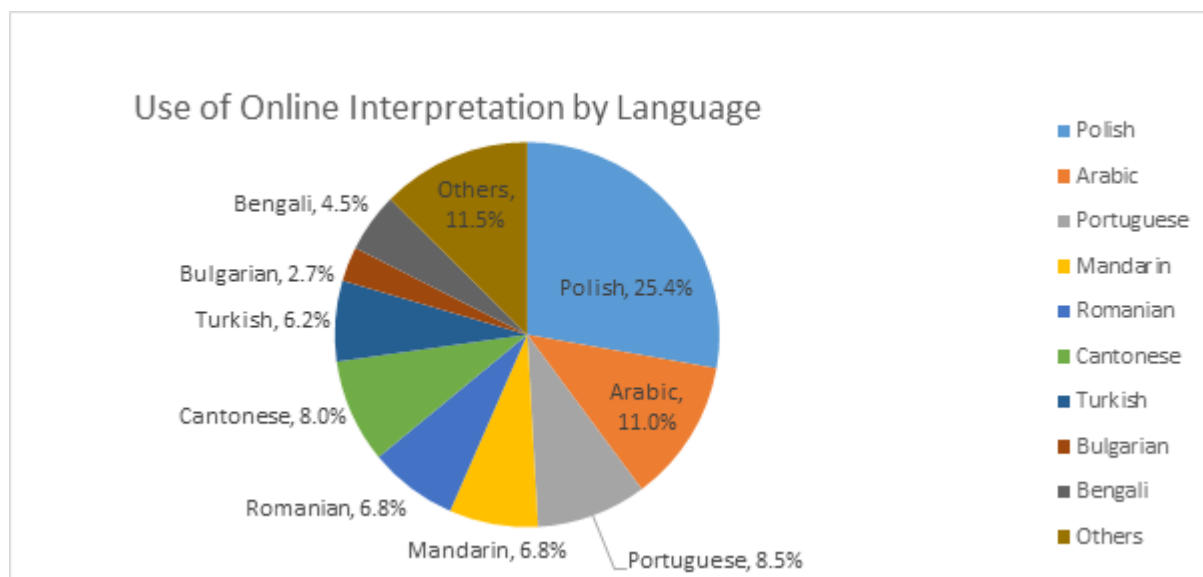
- 1. The spending per financial year on translation services (written) and interpreting services (oral) for your organisation over each of the following 5 financial years: 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020, as well as the languages involved. Please do not include data regarding the spending on services for the deaf and blind (such as sign language interpreting or Braille).**

Please see provided below translation costs taken from the Health Boards ledger. Unfortunately due to the way in which this information is captured, we are unable split out these costs between written/oral, and identify braille, etc to exclude.

- 2015/16 - £70,259
- 2016/17 - £88,120
- 2017/18 - £96,978
- 2018/19 - £100,462
- 2019/20 - £120,806 (This value also includes the Princess of Wales Hospital following merger in April 2019)

Provided below are the languages involved for face to face and online interpretation. However, this data has only been captured and held centrally since August 2018.





2. The total budget for your organisation for each of the 5 financial years the information above is provided on, for all expenses not just for translation and interpreting services, i.e. to include all expenses such as salaries, utilities, equipment, consumables etc., with only the total figure given, no breakdown necessary. For example, I assume the total budget would be a few dozen or hundred million pounds per financial year. This is so that I can calculate the translation and interpreting spending as a percentage of the organisation's total budget (which I suspect would be around or under 0.1%).

15/16 £594,120k

16/17 £631,626k

17/18 £645,300k

18/19 £687,318k

19/20 £1,067,005k

Please note: From April 2019 the former Cwm Taf UHB incorporated the County Borough of Bridgend as part of a reorganisation and formed Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB. This reorganisation explains the increase in budget from 2018/19 to 2019/20.

Our accounts are reported to the nearest £1,000, the table has been populated to this rounded position.

The above data and subsequent analysis will be part of my research and published on a website. This means it would be available for free to anyone, so not used commercially. Can you please confirm this is OK from a copyright point of view?

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