

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_577_23

You asked:

I asked your procurement department if I could possibly have a copy of a recent invoice sent by the present contractor Dragon Taxis pre the tendering process, this could possibly enable me to tender a lower price therefore saving the NHS money. I was refused on the grounds it was commercially sensitive information.

The tenders have been submitted for some time now and I ask again if under the Freedom of Information Act you could supply me with a copy invoice for taxi services provided by Dragon Taxis for March 2023.

If this is not possible can you provide me with the charge by Dragon Taxis known as Veezu Services for a one off journey which was made on the 26th November 2023 from the Princess of Wales hospital at 7am going to Tredegar.

Our response:

We can confirm that Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board holds the information requested.

However, we would like to advise you that the information you requested about a specific company/invoice 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 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 that 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.