

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_518_23

You asked:

I would like to request:

1. Information on the total spend on external management consultants by health board for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23, broken down per year.

Under section 21 of the Act, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board is not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you require is available in our Annual Reports/Accounts which are published on the [Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board](#) web site.

For ease of access, links to the reports have been provided below:

- ctmuhb.nhs.wales/about-us/governance-assurance/annual-reports-annual-accounts-annual-plans/reports1/ctmuhb-annual-report-and-accounts-2022-23/
- ctmuhb.nhs.wales/about-us/governance-assurance/annual-reports-annual-accounts-annual-plans/reports1/ctmuhb-annual-report-and-accounts-2021-22/
- ctmuhb.nhs.wales/about-us/governance-assurance/annual-reports-annual-accounts-annual-plans/reports1/reports/ctmuhb-annual-report-amp-accounts-2020-2021-final-english-pdf/
- ctmuhb.nhs.wales/about-us/governance-assurance/annual-reports-annual-accounts-annual-plans/reports1/reports/ctmuhb-annual-report-2019-2020-final-1-pdf1/
- [Bundle Accountability Report 31 May 2019 \(nhs.wales\)](#)

2. A list of projects/initiatives which external management consultants had been contracted to work on during the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23, broken down per year.

In completing a search for the information requested, the Health Board has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records.

As this is not information that the Health Board routinely compiles, we would have to carry out a specific exercise to retrieve and collate this data. From our preliminary assessment, we estimate that to comply with this element of your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 (cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Under the Act there is an allowance of 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the Fees Regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450. The Fees Regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

The Health Board has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.