

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_254_24

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide all minutes, records of conversations, records of written and verbal conversations and e-mails pertaining to the proposed closure of the Cilfynydd surgery.

I have previously made a request for this information, which was provided under reference CTMUHB_445_23. I am requesting copies of all correspondence since my previous request.

In addition, I would like to request copies of all responses received during the public consultation period.

Our response:

We can confirm that the information you require has been prepared in a comprehensive report for Board, who will make the final decision with regard to the application received from Taff Vale Medical Practice to close two of its branch surgeries in Cilfynydd and Ynysybwl. All of the information will be available to the public one week prior to the Board meeting on the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board website via the following link [Board Meetings & Papers - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#).

Therefore, the information you have requested is being withheld under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The exemption that applies to this information is Section 22(a) of the Act - information intended for future publication.

However, to assist you with your request we have attached the contents page (attachment 6) and would like to reassure you of the following:-

The Health Board has implanted its Branch Closure Review process (see attached), which includes (attachments 1 – 5):

- Receiving and reviewing the application from the Practice
- Sharing information with patients and key stakeholders to seek their views
- Engaging with Llais Cymru, the statutory body representing the interests of patients and the public
- Conscientious consideration of the feedback received

We have included a redacted slide (attachment 7) which makes reference to the application. This was shared for information only at the Primary Care Quality, Risk, Safety and Patient Experience meeting in December 2023.

A paper was presented to Contract Variation Group on the 26th April. This provided the background to the application, the engagement work undertaken, the identified positive and negative impact the closures will have and the potential mitigations to minimise or eliminate negative impact/effects. All of the detail

provided to the Group for consideration is included in the paper being presented to Board, hence this will be in the public domain. The Contract Variation Group (CVG) supported the application however, the final decision is made by Board, and this could differ to that recommended by CVG.

With regard receiving copies of all responses received during the public consultation period again feedback from patients and stakeholders is detailed in the Consultation Report going to board. However, we can confirm a total of 741 responses were received by the Practice during the Consultation period. These include

- 281 responses to the Ynysybwl survey
- 296 responses to the Cilfynydd survey
- 147 people attending public meetings
- 17 letters or email correspondence
- A petition containing over 400 signatures objecting to the closure of Cilfynydd surgery
- A petition containing over 400 signature objecting to the closure of Ynysybwl surgery
- An on-line petition via Plaid Cymru Pontypridd containing 172 signatures objecting to the closure of Cilfynydd Surgery
- An on-line petition via Plaid Cymru Pontypridd containing 366 signatures objecting to the closure of Ynysybwl Surgery