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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_540_24

You asked:

"I would like to initiate a Freedom of Information Request in relation to the £20m budget to repair the 10,000sqm of roof at the Princess of Wales hospital Bridgend.

1. Can you please provide a detailed breakdown of the budget and costings for the £20m?

A CTMUHB Board meeting is due to take place on the 28 November 2024, to which an update report on the Princess of Wales Hospital has been submitted. These papers are published and are now available via the following link: <https://ctmuhb.nhs.wales/about-us/our-board/board-meetings-papers/2024-board-papers/30-november-2024/>

Please see agenda item 5.1. For ease of access, we have also included some relevant sections below:

2.25 The Cabinet Secretary approved the business case on 8 November 2024. The award of Funding is made on and subject to conditions and under the authority of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, one of the Welsh Ministers, acting pursuant to functions transferred under section 58a of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

2.26 The approval confirms an award of capital funding of up to £27,910,000 from Welsh Government to Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board in respect of the replacement of roof covering, Fire Enforcement Notice and Electrical upgrades at Princess of Wales Hospital.

2.27 Funding of £1.386m has already been provided to CTMUHB in relation to this scheme, it is therefore the balance of up to £26.524m which is available to be drawn down.

2.28 Within the amount of £26.524m, £2.500m has been included as a not to exceed figure in relation to the increased capacity works at Ysbyty George Thomas and Ysbyty Cwm Cynon to mitigate the service impact following the POWH decant and resulting bed reduction. This allocation will be retained by the Welsh Government and held in group 4 of CTMUHB's Capital Resource Limit until the designs have been finalised and costs scrutinised by NHS Shared Services Partnership Specialist Estates Services.

2.29 The funding relates to the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2026 and must be claimed in full by 31 March 2026, otherwise any unclaimed part of the funding will cease to be available to the health board. The health board are expected to manage any final costs in excess of £27.910m through our discretionary capital allocation. Should any of the funding not be needed, the health board will be required to inform the Welsh Government as soon as possible to allow for the return to the NHS Capital Programme.

2.30 Funding must be used solely for the purposes set out in the approval letter. Any deviations from this approved list must be approved by Welsh Government.

2. Are there estimates on how long the work is likely to take?

It is estimated that the programme of work will be completed during the summer of 2025. As sections are completed, services will be able to reoccupy the space. Further details and timings of this would become apparent as the work progresses and be communicated to CTMUHB Board and other key stakeholders at the appropriate time.

3. Can you please confirm how the estimate has been generated?

CTMUHB have sought advice on costs from an approved contractor on the Design for Life Building for Wales Framework. These costs have been rigorously tested by CTMUHB's estates and capital teams and associated advisors. They will also be subject to further scrutiny by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership- Specialist Estates Services (SES) following submission of this business case to provide assurance around value for money.

4. Can you confirm if any quotes have been received? How many?

Given the urgency of the works CTMUHB is not able to follow the usual procurement route for entering into contracts. Having sought professional advice CTMUHB has engaged the provisions of section 32 paragraph 2 c of the Public Contract Regulations 2015. This part of the regulations allows contracting authorities to award public contracts by a negotiated procedure without prior publication for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the contracting authority.

5. It also states on the website that £20m has been spent on maintenance over the last 5 years. Can you please provide a breakdown for these costs?"

CTMUHB was formed on 1 April 2019, providing and commissioning a full range of hospital, mental health and community based services for the residents of Bridgend, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil. Since the Bridgend boundary change in 2019, CTMUHB has spent around £20m updating the buildings and equipment at the Princess of Wales Hospital, prioritising those issues that had been identified as requiring immediate attention to safeguard patients and staff.