Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_528_25

Please note - we can confirm that Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board holds information relating to spend. However, we would like to advise you that the information you requested 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 University 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 which 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.

You asked:

Can you please provide an update on the following:

1. Please provide the record from the organisation's Contract Register or equivalent procurement log entry pertaining to the current contract for the Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) solution (Include Supplier, Product Name, Start Date, Expiry Date, Annual spend 2025/2026 [£], Additional notes [including any framework used]).

- *DEFINITION: The practice of securing organisational assets such as laptops, desktops, mobile phones, and servers against malicious activity. It encompasses tools and strategies designed to detect, prevent, and respond to threats directly on the device itself.*

Solution is based on products available within the Microsoft 365 entitlement. Microsoft Defender EDR is utilised. It's an All Wales managed contract with Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW). Start date: 01/07/2025 End date 30/06/2026.

For further information please contact DHCW directly: DHCW.FOI@wales.nhs.uk

2. Please provide the following information for the current maintenance and licensing agreement for the primary Perimeter Firewall/Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) solution (Include Supplier, Product Name, Start Date, Expiry Date, Annual spend 2025/2026 [£], Additional notes [including any framework used]).

- *DEFINITION: The processes and technologies used to protect the boundaries (the perimeter) of an organisation's internal network from unauthorised external access. It involves monitoring and controlling incoming and outgoing network traffic.*

Licensing is aligned to hardware when deployed. Contract with BT for support and maintenance. Start date: 01/10/2023 End date 30/09/2026.

3. Please provide the following information for the service agreement covering the Cloud Security Posture Management (CSPM) platform or equivalent third-party cloud security monitoring too (Include Supplier, Product Name, Start Date, Expiry Date, Annual spend 2025/2026 [£], Additional notes [including any framework used]).

- *DEFINITION: The set of security measures designed to protect data, applications, and infrastructure running in cloud environments (e.g., AWS, Azure, GCP). It also includes securing internally and externally facing applications themselves (application security).*

N/A.

4. Please provide the following information for the service agreement covering your Identity & Access Management (IAM) software (Include Supplier, Product Name, Start Date, Expiry Date, Annual spend 2025/2026 [£], Additional notes [including any framework used]).

- *DEFINITION: A framework of policies and technologies that ensures the right users have the appropriate access to the right resources at the right time. It involves managing digital identities, authentication (verifying identity), and authorisation (granting access).*

Solution is based on products available within the Microsoft 365 entitlement.
Start date:01/07/2025 End date 30/06/2026.

5. Please provide the record from the organisation's Contract Register or equivalent procurement log entry pertaining to the current contract for your current Managed Security / SOC Services (Include Supplier, Product Name, Start Date, Expiry Date, Annual spend 2025/2026 [£], Additional notes [including any framework used]).

- *DEFINITION: The outsourcing of security monitoring and management to a third-party expert. A Security Operations Center (SOC) is a centralised function (internal or outsourced) responsible for continuous monitoring, threat analysis, and managing security incidents.*

DHCW Manage the SOC service. For further information please contact them directly.

6. Please provide the record from the organisation's Contract Register or equivalent procurement log entry pertaining to the current contract for your current Vulnerability & Compliance Management service (Include Supplier, Product Name, Start Date, Expiry Date, Annual spend 2025/2026 [£], Additional notes [including any framework used]).

- *DEFINITION: The continuous, cyclical practice of identifying, classifying, prioritising, remediating, and mitigating software weaknesses (vulnerabilities). Compliance Management ensures that security practices adhere to specific internal policies, regulatory requirements (like GDPR), and industry standards*

Armis XDR/VIPR – Capital purchase of Armis XDR/VIPR in February 2025.