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## Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_82\_26

### You asked:

#### **I would like to enquire if the Health Board has**

#### **1. any contracts or work in progress with Palantir, or**

The Health Board has no contracts or work in progress with Palantir.

#### **2. any plans to use Palantir Foundry, the operating platform used for data collection and sharing.**

There are no plans to use the Palantir Foundry.

#### **I would also like to know if I may opt out of data collection in relation to Palantir or any other entity involved in data collection.**

In relation to Palantir, as above we do not have any contracts in place so there is no data sharing.

In terms of opting out of data sharing, we are committed to being transparent about privacy and the use of health and care data in Wales. Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) we are allowed to process your personal data because the processing is 'necessary for performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.' We do not ask for your consent to process your information to enable us to carry out our statutory functions because if you refused, we would be unable to provide you with a proper healthcare service.

However, in NHS Wales, the National Data Opt-Out policy does not currently apply in the same way it does in NHS England as there is no Wales-specific national data opt-out.

Where research is approved this has a strict criterion and we request that where consent is not obtained, anonymous data is used.

To confirm, you would not be opted into any secondary purposes unless you have consented or there is an alternative legal basis.

When we decide it is necessary to share personal data, we will enter into a 'Data Sharing Agreement' (DSA) with the people we are going to share it with. DSAs are drawn up in line with the Wales Accord on Sharing of Personal Information (WASPI). More details about DSAs can be found at the WASPI website: <http://www.waspi.org/home> .

Any data sharing in relation to the provision of his health and social care would be statutory under NHS Act / Health & Social Care Wales Act so there would be no opt out.