Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_345_26

You asked:

Please treat this as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am requesting the following information held by the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) relating to paediatric obesity, paediatric endocrinology, and paediatric metabolic services in Wales:

1. Copies of any service specifications, commissioning policies, commissioning intentions, or strategic documents produced by WHSSC in the last 10 years relating to:

paediatric obesity
paediatric metabolic services
paediatric endocrinology

Please find enclosed a document which lists the service specifications and commissioning policies requested – attachment 1.

In relation to commissioning intentions and strategic documents, please find enclosed the integrated commissioning plans since 2016 and the Specialised Paediatric Strategy dated July 2022. Attachments 2 – 7.

Please be aware that the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (NWJCC) does not commission Paediatric Obesity services.

Please note that there may not be specific reference within these documents to the three services outlined in the request, with these included for your reference.

2. Details of any services commissioned or funded by WHSSC in the last 10 years for children requiring specialist assessment or treatment for:

severe obesity
metabolic complications
endocrine disorders, including the provider health boards and annual budgets.

Please find enclosed a number of documents relating to services funded by WHSSC/NWJCC – attachments 8 – 16.

Please note that certain information has been redacted under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Personal Information). The redacted information comprises the names and/or contact details of individuals. Disclosure of this personal data would contravene the data protection principles set out in Article 5(1)(a) of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

Please also find enclosed an excel document entitled Commissioned Services Directory, which lists the paediatric services commissioned by the NWJCC and associated providers – attachment 17.

A set annual budget for individual providers over a 10 year period is not available.

Please be aware that the NWJCC does not commission Paediatric Obesity services.

3. The number of out-of-area funding requests (OAFRs) submitted to WHSSC by Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB in the last 10 years for children requiring specialist obesity, metabolic, liver, or endocrine assessment, and the number:

approved
rejected
pending

As this is not information that the NWJCC 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 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act and are therefore unable to provide.

4. Any correspondence, reports, or briefing papers between WHSSC and Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB in the last 5 years relating to:

paediatric obesity
paediatric metabolic or endocrine service gaps
unmet need
service development out-of-area referrals

Contact was received from a Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB Paediatric Consultant, on 12 June 2026 relating to concerns about Specialist Nurse provision for Tertiary Paediatric Endocrine outreach clinics delivered at Royal Glamorgan Hospital. However, the correspondence is being withheld under Section 41(1) – Information Provided in Confidence and Section 40(2) – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 41(1) – Information Provided in Confidence - This exemption has been applied to correspondence received from an induvial where disclosure would constitute an actionable breach of confidence. The information was provided in circumstances giving rise to a duty of confidence and there is a reasonable expectation that it would not be disclosed into the public domain. Section 41 is an absolute exemption, therefore, there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

Section 40(2) **–** Personal Information **-** The withheld correspondence also contains personal data relating to third parties, including the names, contact details, opinions and views of identifiable individuals.

Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 exempts personal data from disclosure where release would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and

the Data Protection Act 2018. The Health Board considers that disclosure of this information would be unfair and unlawful, as the individuals concerned would have no reasonable expectation that their personal data would be disclosed into the public domain in response to a Freedom of Information request.

The information is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and there is no requirement to consider the public interest test.

For these reasons, the NWJCC is unable to disclose the withheld email correspondence.

We are unable to locate any further correspondence, reports, or briefing papers between WHSSC / NWJCC and Cwm Taf Morgannwg in the last 5 years relating to the areas mentioned.

Please be aware that the NWJCC does not commission Paediatric Obesity services.

5. Any WHSSC-held data or assessments relating to paediatric obesity prevalence, metabolic complications, or demand for specialist services across Welsh health boards.

WHSSC/NWJCC does not commission paediatric obesity services. Demand data for Speciliased Services across Welsh Health Boards may be held by Welsh Health Boards or Public Health Wales.