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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_283_26

You asked:

Please treat this correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am seeking information concerning the current interim governance arrangements relating to the OPCC-commissioned "Substance Use Recovery Interventions for Justice Services" contract awarded to G4S Care & Justice Services (UK) Ltd.

The published procurement specification describes a service involving clinical assessment, prescribing activity, opioid substitution treatment, continuity prescribing for prison leavers, and clinical governance requirements, together with compliance with the Independent Health Care (Wales) Regulations 2011 and HIW registration requirements.

In addition, the OPCC has stated that interim arrangements are currently operating with Cardiff and Vale UHB and Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB pending HIW registration of the provider.

As section 33 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 and the National Health Service Bodies and Local Authorities Partnership Arrangements (Wales) Regulations 2000 provide for prescribed partnership arrangements between NHS bodies and Local Authorities, including governance and accountability arrangements for service delivery, I would be grateful for disclosure of the following:

1. Copies of any agreements, memoranda of understanding, service level agreements, prescribed partnership arrangements, governance agreements or other formal documentation under which CTMUHB:
 - provides or oversees clinical governance;
 - provides prescribing governance;
 - provides controlled drugs governance;
 - provides patient safety oversight;
 - or otherwise exercises governance functions

in relation to the current OPCC-commissioned service operated by G4S and/or any subcontracted clinical provider.

2. Copies of any documents identifying:

- the legal basis upon which these interim governance arrangements operate;
- the parties to those arrangements;
- the scope of the governance responsibilities assumed by the Health Board;
- and the accountability/reporting structure applicable to the service.

3. Copies of any documents identifying whether the arrangements are considered:
 - prescribed partnership arrangements under section 33;
 - arrangements under the NHS Bodies and Local Authorities Partnership Arrangements (Wales) Regulations 2000;
 - or any other formal governance framework.
4. Copies of any legal advice, governance reviews, regulatory advice or internal analyses concerning:
 - the legal basis for the interim governance arrangements;
 - whether HIW registration was required prior to service commencement;
 - and how patient safety and clinical governance responsibilities are currently being managed pending HIW registration.
5. If no such agreements or formal governance arrangements exist, please confirm this explicitly.

Our response:

The OPCC-commissioned "Substance Use Recovery Interventions for Justice Services" contract awarded to G4S Care & Justice Services (UK) Ltd is managed by the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Substance Misuse Area Planning Board (APB) and lead by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

Therefore, you may wish to redirect your request to the County Borough Council, who will be able to assist you with this request. The relevant email address is provided below:

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