

16 August 2022

Dear

ATISN 16574 – GPs

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information received on 12 August 2022. The provisions enshrined within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides right of access to what is held as recorded information at the time the request is made. However, the Act does not require us to share our opinion on matters. Consequently, we have concluded that the following will be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) (FOIA):

1. *What is the average number of days worked per week by the GP's?*
2. *What are the average hours per day worked by the GP's?*
3. *What is the average number of daily face-to-face (not telephone) appointments by the GP's?*
4. *What is the average annual salary of the GP's?*
5. *When GP surgeries are funded, do they have to commit to any minimum standards, if so, what are these standards?*

With regards to the other points that you have raised in your letter, this will be dealt with as correspondence, and you will have a response in due course.

Response

1. **What is the average number of days worked per week by the GP's?**
2. **What are the average hours per day worked by the GP's?**
 - GP workforce statistics are published quarterly by Welsh Government and Stats Wales. The latest release was on 28th July and can be found at [General practice workforce: as at 31 March 2022 | GOV.WALES](#).
 - As per the release, there are 2,324 fully qualified GPs with a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) of 1,581.0 (or 68.0% of the headcount); this includes partners, providers, salaried, retainers and active locums
3. **What is the average number of daily face-to-face (not telephone) appointments by the GP's?**
 - This data is not recorded.
4. **What is the average annual salary of the GP's?**

- NHS Digital publishes yearly the earnings and expenses information for full and part-time GPs working in the UK as either a contractor or salaried GP, and can be found at [GP Earnings and Expenses Estimates 2019/20 - NHS Digital](#).
- As per the latest published data, the average GP in Wales had income before tax of £97,600.

5. When GP surgeries are funded, do they have to commit to any minimum standards, if so, what are these standards?

- GP Practices provide services and are funded through a contractual relationship with NHS Wales, managed by individual Health Boards. The contract held between the health board and practice must set out the days, hours and the service they are contracted to provide. Health boards are responsible for monitoring the services delivered under the GMS contract

Next Steps

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response.

We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
 Welsh Government
 Cathays Park
 CARDIFF
 CF10 3NQ
 Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process

Yours sincerely,