

24 October 2022

Dear

Reference - ATISN 16687 - Request for Information

Thank you for your information request received on 23 September 2022. A response to your information request is provided below.

Please can your organisation provide in Excel CSV format, the following information:

- 1. The number and percentage of maternity units and services deemed by HIW as posing a high risk of harm in 2021-22, broken down by Health Board;**
- 2. The number and percentage of maternity units and services deemed by HIW as needing significant improvement in 2021-22, broken down by Health Board;**
- 3. The number and percentage of maternity units and services deemed by HIW as providing safe care in 2021-22, broken down by Health Board;**
- 4. The number and percentage of maternity units which are currently deemed by HIW as being understaffed, broken down by Health Board;**

HIW does not categorise units or services with a risk rating or classification. All of our inspection findings are published in inspection reports on our website. We provide overall summaries within three themes, being Quality of Patient Experience, Delivery of Safe and Effective Care and Governance and Leadership. The health board responses to our Improvements Required are assessed and published as part of the inspection report.

HIW introduced a new designation of 'Service Requiring Significant Improvement' (SRSI) in November 2021. We have completed two maternity inspections since this process was introduced, neither of them resulted in a SRSI designation.

For information I have attached a list of all maternity inspections completed since 2019/20 inspection year. All the reports are on our website.

HIW operates within the Welsh Government's framework for handling Freedom of Information requests. 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: Freedomofinformation@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