

26 April 2023

Dear

ATISN 17414 – Review Body on Doctors and Dentists Remuneration

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 19 April 2023. You requested the following:

- 1. To provide the full impact assessment that supports the Minister's decision to request DDRB to review the pay freeze.*
- 2. To provide the fully dated version of the Minister's remit letter to DDRB which is in the public domain.*
- 3. Why were two contradictory documents published at the same time?*

Our Response

1. We can confirm that no Impact Assessment was undertaken in relation to the Minister's remit letter requesting the DDRB to review the pay freeze. The remit letter is starting the annual pay review body process and no policy decisions have been taken at this stage.
2. Please find attached a copy of the Minister's remit letter.
3. The Impact Assessment was drafted at the end of September 2022 but due to internal processes including Welsh language translation, this was published as soon as possible.

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,