

5 July 2023

Dear

Complaint in respect of ATISN 17216 – Betsi Cadwaladr UHB

I am responding to your email which was received on 7 June 2023, in which you asked us to review the response issued to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). This letter is to inform you of the outcome.

You refer to question 8, from your original request dated 28 February 2023, where you asked for the following:

8. *Details of any meetings that have taken place between the new Interim Chair, Interim Independent Members and /or with either the Minister for Health or any Welsh Government Officials. The information requested is dates and meeting agenda.*

We advised you on 6 June 2023 that there was an informal meeting in Cathays Park, Cardiff on Thursday 23 February between Dyfed Edwards (Interim Chair) and Judith Paget (Director General for Health & Social Services and Chief Executive NHS Wales). We confirmed that we have no records of any other meetings that fall within the scope of your request.

In your email of 7 June, you refer to a meeting that was recorded in the Ministerial diary for 20 October, suggesting that you think we have overlooked something, or that the Minister's diary is incorrect. You also stated that this was raised in the Senedd Chamber on 7 June by Adam Price MS.

We have checked the Minister's diary for 20 October 2022, and we believe you may be referring to a meeting with Lightfoot Solutions. This was a meeting attended by the NHS Chair of Hywel Dda University Health Board and the previous NHS Chair of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board. This is the meeting that Adam Price MS mentioned in the Senedd Chamber on 7 June. However, this meeting was not attended by the new Interim Chair or any of the interim Independent Members. Therefore, it is not within the scope of your request, and I would not expect our response to have referred to it.

I have checked with colleagues, who in turn have checked the official records once again, and I can confirm that the only meeting within the scope of question 8 of your request, is the meeting on 23 February that we told you about on 6 June.

I have reviewed our response to your FOI request in accordance with the procedure outlined in the [Welsh Government's Practical Guide for Making Requests for Information](#) which is available by post on request or via the internet. In my view this was a reasonable response, and therefore I do not uphold your complaint.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

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

Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
[FOI and EIR complaints | ICO](#)

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae
Pencoed
Bridgend
CF35 5LJ

Telephone: 0845 6010987 (local rate)
Email: ask@ombudsman-wales.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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