

4 April 2025

Dear

ATISN 24616 – Private Hospitals

Thank you for your correspondence to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care which was received on 01 April. You referred to an article which appeared in The Times which relates to payments made in England by the UK Government to private hospital for the treatment of patients to hit NHS waiting list targets. Your request for information has been treated under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

We have interpreted your request as the following:

For the past 5 years:

- *to provide a list of payments to each private hospital made by Welsh Government to assist with reducing waiting lists.*

Response

The Welsh Government does not directly contract with, or make payments to, private healthcare providers for additional capacity to improve planned care waiting times.

Allocations of funding are issued to NHS Wales to reduce waiting lists, which may be used to increase capacity by contracting with outside providers. NHS Wales organisations will hold that information.

You may wish to contact each of the NHS Wales organisations directly and the contact details can be found here: [Contact Us - NHS Wales](#)

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,