

22 December 2025

Dear

ATISN 26523 – Data Sharing Agreements

Thank you for your request to Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 16 December 2025 regarding the sharing of patient data for overseas visitors for immigration related reasons and for reasons of unpaid debt owed.

You requested the following:

1. *Any internal policy documents related to the practice of patient data sharing between NHS Wales and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the Home Office;*
2. *Any internal correspondence (emails, letters, meeting notes or memoranda) related to the practice of patient data sharing between NHS Wales and the DHSC and the Home Office;*
3. *Any Equalities Impact Assessments conducted in relation to the practice of patient data sharing between NHS Wales and the DHSC and the Home Office.*

Our Response

Welsh Government does not hold the information relating to patient data sharing between NHS Wales, DHSC and the Home Office. Some information which you may find useful can be found in the public domain and located [here](#).

For information you are seeking, you may wish to contact Digital Health Care Wales (DHCW). DHCW provide national digital and data services which support the delivery of health and social care across Wales and can contact on: [Freedom of Information Requests](#)

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NHSSP) provides guidance on the treatment of overseas patients who do not normally reside in the UK and not automatically entitled to NHS services free of charge. You may wish to contact NHSSP on: shared.services@wales.nhs.uk

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,