

19 October 2026

Dear

ATISN 26-0020 – NHS Winter Preparedness

Thank you for your request to Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 13 October 2026, relating to the completed **“Winter Preparedness and Delivery 2026/2027 – Health Board Self-Assessment and Assurance”** documents by each of the seven local health boards in Wales.

You have stated that you are seeking the completed versions of the self-assessment and assurance document, rather than the blank template or general winter preparedness plans and requested the following information:

- 1. A copy of the completed document submitted by the health board.*
- 2. Any accompanying annexes or supporting documents submitted as part of the self-assessment and assurance process.*
- 3. Where a health board has not yet submitted its completed document, confirmation of this and, if held, the expected submission date.*

Our Response

All seven health boards have submitted their completed “Winter Preparedness and Delivery 2026/2027 – Health Board Self-Assessment and Assurance” documents to NHS Wales Performance and Improvement, which has been directed to oversee the assessment and assurance process in accordance with the agreed seasonal planning arrangements.

NHS Wales Performance and Improvement has subsequently provided the Welsh Government with its own assessment of each organisation’s winter plan.

The completed self-assessment documents submitted by the health boards, together with any accompanying annexes or supporting documents, are held by NHS Wales Performance and Improvement and are not held by the Welsh Government.

The Welsh Government is therefore unable to provide the documents requested. You may wish to contact NHS Wales Performance and Improvement directly to request them.

Next Steps

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,