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Health Board

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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 14th November 2019. Your request sought information relating to Clinical Decisions Systems.

1. Does the Health Board operate any clinical decision support systems

Yes

If so, which ones?

BestPractice (BMJ)
ClinicalKey
DynaMed
Micromedex (IBM)
iRefer (MedCurrent)
UpToDate
MedicinesComplete (BNF)
Renal Drug Database
Midatabank Software
Newt Guidelines Subscription
Newt Guidelines Subscription (MI access)

2. What is the cost of licences (and any other support) the Health Board paid on clinical decision support systems in the financial years 2017-18 & 2018-19.

This information has been withheld. Section 43 of the Act sets out an exemption for the right to know if release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity). Section 43 is a qualified exemption. That is, it is subject to the public interest test.



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The Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency and there is an interest in the public being aware of how much money is spent and the benefits derived from that expenditure. However this particular market is a niche market and prices are usually negotiated with the individual suppliers. Therefore the Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could have the effect of discouraging companies from dealing with the Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn this could then jeopardise the Health Boards ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money. It was therefore decided that it is not in the publics' interest to disclose this information.

3. Has the Health Board developed their own electronic clinical decision support system(s)?

No

4. If so, what were the WTE and total funding costs incurred in development of their own clinical decision support system(s) for the financial years 2017-18 & 2018-19 respectively?

Not applicable

5. What was the Health Board's total operating budget for financial years 2017-18 & 2018-19 respectively

I can confirm that the information you are seeking is held on our website. Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (information accessible by other means), we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. May I therefore recommend that you look at this link to our website, which contains details of our annual accounts:

<https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/about-us1/key-documents-folder/board-papers/>

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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