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

Dyddiad/Date: 19th December 2019

Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 19-J-021



Corporate Services
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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Your request sought information relating to Fairwood Hospital

I would like to know the current status and condition of the Fairwood Hospital facility in Swansea.

## This video is available on YOUTUBE:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ea-JUcQY4Dw

Therefore please disclose any minutes over the past two years prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 within your Health Board detailing costings, expenditures, plans and monitoring reports of this facility in relation to Fairwood Hospital.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> October you clarified that you wanted a true and accurate picture of the disposal of Fairwood Hospital and all events recorded leading up to its eventual disposal.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 you further clarified for the period 17/10/17 to 17/10/19, the following:

a. Disclosure of Reports, E mails, Estates information in respect of Fairwood hospital-Costings and revenue impacts included to the NHS Wales budget?

We have searched our IT systems and concluded there have been 6053 emails during this time period relating to 'Fairwood Hospital'. To obtain the information requested would involve a manual trawl and search of records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act provides that we are not obliged to



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spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

b. Disclosure of any Plans and Monitoring information [inc Security Monitoring] but also Financial monitoring of this NHS Asset --during the Time window?

I can confirm that the site was boarded up for security purposes during July 2017.

The site was valued by the District Valuer in October 2017 at £0.350m. This valuation took account of the planning constraints on the site, including the difficulty in promoting a market led housing scheme. Marketing commenced in February 2018. Viewing was only permitted in groups and accompanied due to security issues, so the Health Boards Estates department opened and secured the property.

c. Disclosure of receipts to the NHS from the disposal of the site and details of any liabilities to the NHS still owed to the putative purchaser as result of Sale of this Asset?

As from the date of sale the Health Board has no liabilities for that site.

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

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information policy, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request please contact me directly at the address below or register your complaint via <a href="mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk">FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk</a>.

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), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely

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