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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 25th September 2019. Your request sought information relating to dental practices.

1. The number and name of all dental practices that have faced a contract reduction in ABMU in the year 2018/2019.

There have been 5 practices within ABU Health Board. All 5 practices have had a temporary reduction, please note that temporary reduction indicates that the contract has been reduced in year by mutual agreement between the Provider and the Health Board. The full original contract value is reinstated for the subsequent contract year; subject to satisfactory performance.

The practice/provider name associated with each contract had 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 commercial interests of the Health Board might be prejudiced if certain information in relation to one transaction were to become available to a counterparty in negotiations on a subsequent transaction. Dentists or companies who are the signed contract holders are responsible for the delivery of dental services under the dental contract. By releasing individual contract information this may risk destabilizing practices and have a negative impact on practices being able to retain or recruit performers/staff under the contract. This in turn would affect the Health Boards commercial interests.

Therefore, in conclusion we feel that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in releasing at this time.

2. The amount of each contract reduction in ABMU for the year 2018/2019

| Practice | Amount of Contract Reduction |
|----------|------------------------------|
| 1 | £49,940.00 |
| 2 | £24,430.00 |
| 3 | £26,200.00 |
| 4 | £26,459.00 |
| 5 | £13,400.00 |

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

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Yours sincerely



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