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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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Dear

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020. I apologise for the delay in responding. Your request sought information relating to ownership of patents.

**Regarding patents that your organisation does own or has previously owned, as a sole owner or jointly with others, please provide me with:**

**1. The number of licensing or assignment agreements signed between your organisation and another entity/entities, granting rights to such patents or transferring ownership of such patents, since the year 2000.**

In completing a search for the information requested, the Health Board does not hold this information centrally. To obtain this information 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 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.

However, we can let you know that the Health Boards Research & Development (R&D) department are aware of licencing agreements/patents within their area. This information in relation to R&D is held by an external organisation called AgorIP - <https://www.agorip.com>

**2. A list of all licensing agreements signed between your organisation and other parties on such patents, containing, for each agreement: the**



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**name(s) of the party/parties and year of signing, since the year 2000.**

Please see question 1

**3. The annual income from each of these licensing agreements, by year, since the year 2000.**

Please see question 1

**4. A list of all patents that your organisation does own or has previously owned, as a sole owner or jointly with others.**

Please see question 1

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto: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), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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