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## **Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request** **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-J-051**

### **You asked for information in relation to the voluntary sector services.**

The Health Board is undertaking recommissioning of all its voluntary sector services for the first time. This is a complex process and requires development of a novel approach for both Procurement and the leads within the Health Board as well as needing to coproduce this process with the sector.

The Health Board decided to recommission voluntary sector services as most of the existing arrangements were historic and had not been subject to a market testing process which left it open to challenge regarding demonstrating value for money.

The recommissioning was initially planned in 2017 but had to be postponed due to the implications of Bridgend Boundary Change and the need to disaggregate commissioned services. The process restarted in early 2020 but again had to be paused due to the pandemic. In January 2021 the Health Board agreed to a revised timescale for the recommissioning process.

The Health Board has worked closely with the voluntary sector and engaged extensively and will continue to do so to ensure the process is as voluntary sector friendly as possible, while still offering a compliant assured process for the Health Board.

- a. The number of voluntary / third sector organisations, delivering commissioned health care (children, young people and adults) on behalf of yourselves as a public body. Broken down as follows –**
  - i. Number of voluntary sector / third sector organisations, whose registered address is in Wales, who are contracted lead delivery partners for 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 (as known), 2023/24 (as known)**



Historical contracts	2019/20	2020/21	2022/23	2023/24
Number of Voluntary Sector organisations	29	29	28	28

- ii. Number of voluntary sector / third sector organisations, whose registered address is other than Wales, who are contracted lead delivery partners for 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 (as known), 2023/24 (as known)

Historical contracts	2019/20	2020/21	2022/23	2023/24
Number of Voluntary Sector organisations	7	7	7	7

- iii. Number of voluntary sector / third sector organisations, who are formalised sub-contracted partners in contracts controlled by third parties for 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 (as known), 2023/24 (as known)

Historical contracts	2019/20	2020/21	2022/23	2023/24
Number of Voluntary Sector organisations	0	0	0	0

- iv. A list of the contract names and reference numbers for (i) and (ii) suitable for searching on Sell2Wales / EU Tender Journal

Year	Tender Reference	Subject	Provider	Registered Address	Sell2Wales Advert	Advertised Financial Value
2019	SBU-OJEU-43757-021-NC-19	Sanctuary Services	Hafal	Wales	Ref:97104	£375,000
2021	OJEU 2021/S 000-010038	Independent Mental Health Advocacy	Advocacy Support Cymru	Wales	Ref: 101176	£352,950 (All-Wales Cost)
2022	SBU-OJEU-50022-041-JW-21	3rd Sector Framework	91 Various	Wales in 78 / England in 13	Ref: 119909	£2,800,000
2022	N/A	Specialised therapy services for children with neurological disorders	Bobath Childrens Therapy Centre Wales	Wales	Ref: 107974	£293,596 (All-Wales Cost)



- v. **The advertised financial value (rather than awarded in order to protect commercially sensitive information), per year - 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 (as known), 2023/24 (as known) in respect of (i) and (ii). This can be presented as a cumulative.**

Please see above

- vi. **Contract outputs / outcomes (actual where reported, or targets in respect of future delivery) per year - 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 (as known), 2023/24 (as known) in respect of (i) and (ii). This should be in respect of those identified within initial tender specifications and can be presented cumulatively where there is overlap in output indicators used. To be split by Health Board where services have been commissioned via one contract across more than one Health Board.**

I can confirm that this information is not held. The arrangements with the voluntary sector organisations are historic contracts / SLAs and did not go through a tender process. Therefore it is not possible to identify the outputs / outcomes within the initial tender specifications.

- vii. **Where available (i.e. in tender response information), the full time equivalent number of staff employed by voluntary sector / third sector organisations, as a cumulative figure in respect of the organisations and delivery years as identified in (i) and (ii):**

I can confirm that this information is not held. See question vi above.

- viii. **The number of organisations as per (i) and (ii) using volunteers in their service delivery:**

I can confirm that this information is not held. See question vi above

- b. **Copies of any internal evaluations you may have (excluding those that are sensitive / confidential), in respect of the role of the voluntary sector, volunteers and unpaid carers; in relation to your duties and ambitions as a Health Board.**

I can confirm that this information is not held. As the historical arrangements have not included tender arrangements, no internal evaluations around these have taken place.

