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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Atebir gohebiaeth Gymraeg yn y Gymraeg, ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-D-050**

You asked:

- 1. The a) name, b) location and c) total monetary value of each contract in every/your Health Board in a) FY23 and b) FY24, and whether the contract is operating under the new Welsh dental contract or UDAs in each case**

Please see attachment 1 for the information for FYs 2022/23 and 2023/24. The monetary value is 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.

Dental practices are independent contractors and information relating to their contract values is commercially sensitive. This request relates to commercial activity in the current financial year which is being conducted in a competitive environment. The data could damage the confidence or reputation of a dental practice.

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, 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 dental practices 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 public's interest to disclose this information.



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- 2. Without naming the specific contract (i.e. by ensuring it is anonymous), please provide the targeted UDAs and specific Key Performance Indicators (KPI) necessary for 100% of all contracts in your area to be paid and not clawed back (i.e. number of new patients seen, number of fluoride varnishes, number of historic patients etc) – as an example, you could write “Contract 1” and then provide the information, without naming the specific provider. I have attached a second spreadsheet which lists the targets for each contract without identifying them.**

Please see attachment 2 for anonymised annual targets for FY 2022/23 for all Contract Reform Practices. The target for fluoride varnish is not a numerical target that can be listed per contract – that metric is to ensure that at least 80% of all relevant patient groups received fluoride varnish (with a 5% tolerance). The target for Recall Intervals is also not able to be quantified per contract.

- 3. For each month (or if you do not have this, either each quarter or for FY23 and FY24 year to date):**
- a. The number of UDAs delivered by each contract (again, keeping this anonymous)**
 - b. The performance of each contract against each KPI (again, keeping this anonymous).**

We are not able to provide this information as final figures for 2022/23 as they have not yet been confirmed. Dental practices are still able to submit claims for a time after year end and so FY23 data is still subject to changes.

