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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-A-054**

You asked:

I am writing to make a Freedom of Information request to ask for the information your Health Board has recorded in regards of community pharmacy closures. I am looking for information reported and recorded about all closures from Thursday 01st September 2022 to Saturday 31st December 2022 inclusive.

The precise information I am requesting is,

Contractor Code

Name, address, and postcode of pharmacy

Date of closure

The precise times of closure, and if more than one closure happens in one day, please report each closure as separate

Any reason given for the closure by the contractor, if none was recorded please answer n/a or none.

I am also looking for both types of closures, those which appear to have been unplanned, and those which were agreed in advance by your health board. If the closure was agreed to and planned in advance can you please state 'agreed' or 'planned' under 'reason for closure', if it was unplanned please give the reason if any stated by the contractor.

Please find attached the data you require. We have provided a list of pharmacies that closed (all unplanned) during the specified period for one or a combination of the listed reasons:

- An unplanned closure for a few hours where there have been local issues
- An unplanned closure, due to damage for a day or more
- Closures relating to Covid under the emergency powers, where pharmacies may have closed or amended hours under these powers



These closures are in line with the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) Regulations 2020. The Regulations require that where there is "good cause" for closure i.e. it is unavoidable, the LHB must be informed of the closure as soon as practicable, and must use all reasonable endeavours to resume provision of pharmaceutical services as soon as possible.

