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## **Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request** **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-C-020**

Please note that free water fountains are provided for staff and patients in the main dining rooms in our hospitals. Staff are actively encouraged to refill their own water bottles using this facility. There are ongoing discussions about the introduction of further drinking fountains across hospital sites.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, there was an increase in use of bottled water due to the number of Covid infections at ward level. The hospital sites made the decision to provide bottled water to patients to stop cross infection.

### **You asked:**

#### **1. The quantity of single use drinking water bottles purchased by SBUHB annually, for the past 5 years.**

The total amount of plastic water bottles purchased by SBUHB for the past 5 years is 648,408. The average per annum is 129,682

#### **2. The cost of said purchase.**

The total cost of purchasing bottled water for the past 5 years is £68,199.06. An average purchasing cost of £13,639.81 per annum

#### **3. Details of the supply and disposal chains.**

The products are purchased via NHS contract frameworks. The current suppliers are Chapple & Jenkins and Castell Howell Foods Ltd. Pre 2022 products were ordered from DG Wholesale, Castell Howell and 3663.

On Health Board sites, single use water bottles are disposed of via mixed cycling waste streams.



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