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## Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

<b>FOI Reference:</b>	<b>FOI 242</b>
<b>Date request received</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> August 2019</b>
<b>Date information is due to be sent</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>

### Information requested

For the attention of Public Health Wales

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information, for the financial years:

- A) 2017/18
- B) 2018/19

1. Did your organisation use an external consultant for any of the following functions:

- Human Resources
- Legal Services
- Leadership and organisational development
- Board reviews
- Mediation
- Regulatory body inspection support

2. What were the names of the consultants used?

3. What was the expenditure with each consultant?

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request.

### **Information provided for the answer:**

Thank you for your email dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

- 1) In completing a search for this information, Public Health Wales confirms that a breakdown of functions is not recorded or collated in this format and the information is not held in this way on our ledger.
- 2) The expenditure is recorded by consultant, however, the names of the consultants requested is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. We are therefore withholding this detail under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
- 3) I am therefore unable to give you the spend with each consultant but can provide an overall spend which was;
  - A) 2017/18 = £322,151.90
  - B) 2018/19 = £359,048.83

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, you should

write to the Corporate Complaints Manager, Public Health Wales NHS Trust, 3, Number 2, Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner for Wales

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Churchill House  
Churchill Way  
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