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From: FOI (Public Health Wales)
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information request

Importance: High
Sensitivity: Personal

In regards to your request to the NHS Wales Centre for Equality for information under the Freedom of Information Act. I am responding as the Information Governance manager for Public Health Wales, the hosting body for the centre.

Your questions were regarding the SRG

Background Information

First, it is worth noting that the NHS CEHR's SRG is not the same as those in place for NHS Wales Health Boards and has no constitutional underpinning. The Centre's SRG was created in 2006, prior to the NHS reforms of 2009 that set out the requirement for Health Boards to have SRGs. The Centre's SRG no longer has regular formal meetings, but has evolved into a virtual network that enables the Centre to circulate information about its work, general equality work in NHS Wales, key events that might be of interest and, on a couple of occasions, we have invited members of the group to engage with service professionals as part of an equality impact assessment.

1. Names of people attending the The SRG

Below is a list of the organisations that the Centre currently has on its SRG circulation list. I have not provided names of individuals as they represent their organisation and do not take part in an individual capacity.

Beth Johnson Foundation
Gofal Cymru
Stroke Association
Elite Supported Employment Agency
Stonewall Cymru
Wales Migration Partnership
Sight Support Cymru
Chwarae Teg
Marie Curie
Children In Wales
Diverse Cymru
Mind Cymru
Action On Hearing Loss
Age Cymru
Children's Commissioner for Wales
Cardiff University
Learning Disability Wales
Terrence Higgins Trust
Transgender Wales
Welsh Government
Swansea University
Black Voluntary Sector Network Wales
Older People's Commissioner
Barnardos
Welsh Language Commissioner
Welsh Refugee Council
Mewn Cymru

Royal College of Nursing

Mencap

Changing Faces

Powys Health Board

Save The Children

Access for Black and Minority Ethnic Children & Young People with Disabilities

2) Their nominating groups

There are no nominating groups for the SRG.

3) The Method by which they were chosen

Organisations on the SRG list were previously members of the Centre's Equality and Human Rights Reference Group. The list has evolved from there.

4) How information about applying for the SRG was made public and when

There is no formal route for applying to be members of the SRG. Organisations have been deleted or added as appropriate and as they have come to light.

5) The criteria for being on the SRG and the source of the criteria

There is no formal criteria for being on the SRG. Organisations tend to be in the public or Third sector and concerned with fairness, equality and human rights.

6) The Groups objectives

The group does not have any objectives. As mentioned in 1) above the group is now a virtual network for the Centre to share information with stakeholder organisations.

7) Why the names of those attending the group are not made public and freely available and if they are in the public domain where?

The Centre has not been asked to make this information public previously. As it currently stands the group rarely meets.

8) Why the names of the nominating groups are not made public and freely available and if they are in the public domain where?

There are no nominating groups.

9) The reason why minutes The SRG are not made public and freely available, and if they are in the public domain where?

The SRG does not meet so there are no current minutes to publicise.

10) The term of office of members of The SRG members

As the network is virtual it has not been deemed necessary to have designated terms of office.

If I can help any further please come back to me directly

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Kind regards

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