Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Information Requested:

Who is responsible for public health and well-being in Wales?

I understand the CITY & COUNTY OF SWANSEA local authority/company is responsible for the health and well-being of Swansea residents, however the company regularly directs public concerns to central government... this is however incorrect, local authorities are primarily responsible for the health and well-being of residents living in that city.

Does the same apply to the local NHS health board, is it accountable? Does it take responsibility for its actions or are all concerns directed to the World Health Organisation?

Information provided for the answer:

The responsibilities for public health and wellbeing in Wales are complex. The Chief Medical Officer description of roles and responsibilities for public health across the system is regarded as definitive. This description is attached.

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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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