



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

E-mail request

Our ref: ATISN 15607
Date: 16 November 2021

Dear

ATISN 15607

Thank you for your request which I received on 19 October 2021. You asked for the following information in relation to senior public appointments (2020 and 2021):

- How many has the government made?
- How many recruitments were abandoned due to no applicants?
- What was the minimum, average and maximum periods of time between closing date and an applicant starting?
- In how many cases did a potentially successful applicant leave the process due to the speed of the government's recruitment process?

The information provided below is based on recruitment to public bodies and health boards/trusts.

How many senior public appointments has the government made?

We have interpreted 'senior' public appointments as Chair appointments. During 2020 to 2021, four Chair appointments and one Vice-Chair appointment were made to different public bodies in Wales.

There were also three direct appointments made (appointments without competition) of Interim Chairs to public bodies.

How many recruitments were abandoned due to no applicants?

No recruitment campaigns were abandoned due to no applicants applying.

What was the minimum, average and maximum periods of time between closing date and an applicant starting?

There was a minimum of just under two months between the closing date and the date an applicant started. The average period of time was 5 and a quarter months and the maximum period of time between the closing date and start date was 10 and a half months.

In how many cases did a potentially successful applicant leave the process due to the speed of the government's recruitment process?

We are not aware of any candidates who withdrew due to the speed of the recruitment process.

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CF10 3NQ

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Yours sincerely,