

8 February 2023

Dear

## **ATISN 17127 – GPs**

Thank you for your email to the Welsh Government for information received on 02 February. You have requested the following:

1. *How many GP's are there currently working in Wales?*
2. *What is the average number of days worked per week by the GP's?*
3. *What is the average hours per day worked by the GP's?*
4. *What is the average number of daily face to face appointments by the GP's?*
5. *When GP's surgeries are funded, do they have to commit to any minimum standards, if so, what are these standards?*

## **Response**

1. *How many GP's are there currently working in Wales?*

**There are 2,301 fully qualified GPs working in Wales (as of 30 June 2022). This includes partners, providers, salaried, retainers and active locums.**

2. *What is the average number of days worked per week by the GP's?*

**Welsh Government does not hold data on the average number of days worked per week. Practices report the full time equivalent (FTE), i.e., the number of hours a staff member works per week. One FTE is measured as 37.5 hours per week.**

**The FTE as of 30 June 2022 was 1,562.6.**

3. *What is the average hours per day worked by the GP's?*

**As above, Welsh Government does not hold data on the average number hours per day worked. Practices report the full time equivalent (FTE), i.e., the number of hours a staff member works per week. One FTE is measured as 37.5 hours per week.**

**The FTE as at 30 June 2022 was 1,562.6.**

**The data provided for the above three answers is published at [General practice workforce: as at 30 June 2022 | GOV.WALES](#)**

4. *What is the average number of daily face to face appointments by the GP's?*

**Welsh Government does not hold this information.**

5. *When GP's surgeries are funded, do they have to commit to any minimum standards, if so, what are these standards?*

**GP Practices provide services and are funded through a contractual relationship with NHS Wales, managed by individual Health Boards. The**

**contract held between the health board and practice must set out the days, hours, and the service they are contracted to provide. Health boards are responsible for monitoring the services delivered under the GMS contract.**

## **Next Steps**

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response.

We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer  
Welsh Government  
Cathays Park  
CARDIFF  
CF10 3NQ  
Email: [DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales](mailto:DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales)

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ

or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:  
Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process

Yours sincerely,