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Dear

ATISN 17465 – NHS Contracts with Lightfoot

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 09 May 2023 relating to NHS contracts with Lightfoot Solutions Limited. Please accept our apologies for the delay in providing you with a response.

You requested the following:

Please provide under a FOI the following information based on the company Lightfoot Solutions Ltd, Lightfoot Solutions Group Ltd or any name used for the same company or Group and the relationship with Welsh Government.

1. *When was Lightfoot added to the NHS Shared Services provider list?*
2. *Under what procurement arrangement did this occur- open tender, Framework or other method?*
3. *Was the procurement exclusive to NHS contracts or apply across the whole of the Welsh Government Departments?*
4. *How many contracts have been awarded to Lightfoot since being added to the supplier list?*
5. *What is the value of each contract?*
6. *What organisation were the services of Lightfoot procured for i.e., which Health Boards or Government Departments?*
7. *Has any review of the services provided by Lightfoot ever taken place, if so when and by which officials?*
8. *Have any officials or Politicians ever declared any links with Lightfoot?*
9. *How many of the contracts were of a value that required a Ministerial sign off?*
10. *How many of the contracts should have been signed off by a Minister?*
11. *Has there ever been any concerns about the work undertaken by Lightfoot, when, which organisation and what action was taken?*
12. *What are the names of any other companies in the same category as the services provided by Lightfoot?*
13. *Of the total number of contracts awarded for the type of work undertaken by Lightfoot – how many were awarded to Lightfoot and a breakdown of the contract value of those awarded to other businesses.*
14. *Does the Welsh Government contract with any other companies of which the Directors of Lightfoot have an interest?*
15. *What if any are the value of any declared gifts from Lightfoot to any politician or official?*

Our Response

1. We do not hold this information. This information will be held by NHS Shared Services (NWSSP) and could be requested from that organisation. Should you wish to contact NHS Shared Services, I have provided their contact details below:

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP)
4-5 Charnwood Court,
Heol Billingsley,
Parc Nantgarw,
Cardiff, CF15 7QZ
Email: shared.services@wales.nhs.uk

2. As 1 above.
3. As 1 above. Welsh Government has no record on any direct contracting with Lightfoot Solutions.
4. We do not hold information on how many contracts have been awarded since addition to the NWSSP supplier list. Welsh Government only holds information on its own contracts and NHS contracts referred in to Welsh Government as part of standing procurement procedures.

Welsh Government has no contracts with Lightfoot Solutions. Four contract awards by the NHS involving Lightfoot have been submitted to Welsh Government for noting or consent to the award in the last 5 years. Of these, two were for note as they had values between £0.5m and £1m and two had values in excess of £1m.

5. See 4 above.
6. The contracts submitted for noting were awarded by Betsi Cadwaladr UHB and Hywel Dda UHB. Aneurin Bevan UHB and Betsi Cadwaladr UHB submitted contracts for consent.
7. We are not aware of any review of services provided by Lightfoot Solutions.
8. No links have been declared by senior officials or Ministers. Information on declarations of interest is publicly available on the Welsh Government website.

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9. Four contract awards by the NHS Wales involving Lightfoot have been submitted to Welsh Government in the last 5 years. Of those, two requested consent to the award from Welsh Government. None were referred to Ministers as approval is delegated to officials.
10. See above.

11. We do not have a record of concerns raised around the work undertaken by Lightfoot. Welsh Government officials had reservations around the proposed contract award which Betsi Cadwaladr UHB sent to Welsh Government for approval in May 2022. As such Welsh Government did not consent to the award of that contract.
12. We do not hold information on all companies who provide the same services.
13. See 13 above.
14. We do not hold recorded information on the interests of the directors of Lightfoot Solutions.
15. No gifts from Lightfoot Solutions have been declared by Welsh Ministers or officials.

Next steps

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

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,