

7 July 2023

Dear

ATISN 17465 – NHS Contracts with Lightfoot

I am responding to your email which was received on 28 June 2023 in which you asked us to review the response issued to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). This letter is to inform you of the outcome.

We received your request for information on 09 May 2023 in which you requested the following information:

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?*

It was our intention to provide a response by 07 June and as we had not been able to meet that deadline, you sent an email asking for an internal review on 08 June.

I have spoken with officials and able to assure you that they have been working to provide a response as soon as possible and at that time, felt that they had most of the information requested but needed to check some details.

To ensure that our response was complete and accurate, Officials needed to refer to several departments across the Welsh Government and its unfortunate that it was this that caused much of the delays.

I have reviewed our response to your FOI request in accordance with the procedure stated in my previous letter to you (dated 29 June 2023). I uphold your complaint as whilst this request required consideration across several departments we should have responded to you sooner.

Please accept our apologies for the delay that has occurred.

Yours sincerely

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