

Dear

ATISN 18643 – SBUHB - Programme Business Case

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 26 June 2023 relating to the Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) Programme Business Case. You requested:

Since year 2021:

1. *Please disclose any/all data submitted to WG by SBUHB board on the level of detail/scope in the PBC [Business case]*
2. *Please disclose all content complete with cost ranges inserted*
3. *Please disclose full detail of all aspects of the Programme*
4. *Please disclose the HM green Book format used and if the Service Change versus Replacing estate balance is achieved*
5. *Please disclose the Holistic overarching effectiveness, efficiency and Value for Money methodologies and Health Policy framework contained in the Cooperation agreement that is being applied by WG in these SBUHB proposals*
6. *Please disclose how the newly published Flooding planning framework has been or will be applied by WG in this estate/service change by Swansea Bay University Health Board? [NB Note EIR provisions]*
7. *In Response can you either compare and contrast previous response on UHW2 - to specifically answer and provide any desk study or data derived analysis in response to Q4 - Q6 inclusive.*

Our Response

Welsh Government can confirm that it holds a copy of the completed Programme Business Case (PBC) and this is attached. The PBC answers requests 1-3. On requests 4-6, the PBC is a document setting out the Programme Vision and High-Level Objectives. If the PBC is formally endorsed by Welsh Government Ministers, Swansea Bay University Health Board will progress through the iterative Business Case process and deliver subsequent Business Cases (Strategic Outline, Outline Business Case and Full Business Case). The Welsh Government will use HM Treasury Guidance and other planning and environmental policies to assess these Business Cases as they progress through the necessary formal scrutiny.

In respect of question 7, the document submitted to the Welsh Government will be subject to the same scrutiny approach as other major infrastructure cases. The process is set out within the NHS Wales Infrastructure Investment Guidance which is available on the internet.

The provisions within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides right of access to what is held as recorded information at the time the request is made. However, the Act is clear that public authorities are not required to create new information to comply with a request for information under the Act. They only need to consider information already in existence at the time of request is received.

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,