



Ref : ATISN 18673

28 July 2023

Dear ,

ATISN 18673 – NHS75

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 02 July 2023. You requested the following:

1. To provide the information relating to the cost of the event organised on 4 July 2023- National Service of Thanksgiving, and a full breakdown of where those the costs were allocated.
2. To provide details of the event planning and how the location, organising group and invitation list was created.

Our Response

- 1 Total costs associated with the service were £7,400.98. A breakdown of costs is as follows:
 - Venue costs, which included payments to musicians, flowers and a donation to the church £1,000.
 - Guest and participant transport and parking £2,232.
 - Choir: transport and conductor £340.
 - BSL interpreter £150.
 - Print costs: Order of service and tickets £528.50.
 - Event Management costs: event management company and Cardiff City Council stewards £3,342.48.
 - Literature Wales – £539.74.
- 2 The event was planned by the Welsh Government communications team.

The team considered a number of venues and took into account cost, venue size and access. The venue for the event was approved by the First Minister.

The communications team worked with a number of partners to plan and deliver the service. This included the host venue the Church of the Resurrection in Ely, Cardiff. The Church worked with the Interfaith Council for Wales to develop a bilingual and multi-faith Order of Service. The Order of Service was approved by the Minister for Health and Social Services.

The invitation list was based on a list used for the NHS70 anniversary that was made up of a wide variety of groups and organisations of current and former NHS Wales representatives. As part of NHS75 planning the invitation list was reviewed to ensure that the participants and congregation represented the current breadth of expertise and diversity across the NHS and its partner organisations in Wales. There was an emphasis on ensuring representation from frontline NHS Wales staff, volunteers, charities, patients and retired NHS workers.

Organisations, including the health boards, trusts and other health bodies in Wales, were also asked to nominate attendees, again representing the rich diversity of people across the NHS.

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,