



Ref: ATISN 18897

27 September 2023

Dear _____,

ATISN 18897 – Food in Hospitals

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 1st September 2023. You have requested the following:

For the previous 2 years:

- 1. Which NHS trusts serve halal food to all NHS hospital patients*
- 2. The cost to the public of providing halal to the Welsh NHS*
- 3. The contractors names*
- 4 Evidence that Christian and other religious patients, (including any which are against animal cruelty) are served halal - without disclosure - or given a choice of halal, or non halal food, as Muslim patients are.*
- 5 Are there any plans by the Welsh Government to allow equal choice for all religious patients and others to inform them that what they are eating is halal, to allow them to make their own decision on both religious and conscience ground*

Our Response

1-4. Welsh Government does not hold information on halal food. This information may be available from individual health boards, and you may wish to contact them on this matter. I have added a link below that provides contact points for each health board: [Contact Us - NHS Wales](#)

5. Welsh Government has no current plans to do this. It is a matter for each individual health board and NHS Trust to communicate information on food served on their premises to patients, staff, and visitors.

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,