

22 May 2024

Dear

### **ATISN 19586 – GP Funding**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 16 May 2024 regarding Carr Hill formula allocation. You have requested the following:

- 1. Do you know when the last time the formula was recalculated?*
- 2. What is the average Carr Hill formula for Wales?*
- 3. What is the average Carr Hill formula for each of the Health Boards in Wales?*
- 4. Do you have a graph demonstrating the variation in Carr Hill formula in Wales?*
- 5. Are there any imminent plans from Welsh Government to "even" out the significant practice funding across Wales?*
- 6. What is the cost per patient in Health Board run practices versus GMS practices in Cardiff & Vale.*
- 7. Is there any mechanism that a GP practice can appeal their Carr Hill rating if it is based on outdated historic information?*

### **Our Response**

- 1. Do you know when the last time the formula was recalculated?*

The Carr Hill formula has been in place since the inception of The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Wales) Regulations 2004. The National Health Service Wales Shared Services Partnership operate the payment system for GMS contractors on behalf of the health boards in Wales. Payments are made to GMS contractors in accordance with the Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlement Directions 2013. Payments are made on a monthly basis with source data to the Carr Hill formula updating on a quarterly basis.

- 2. What is the average Carr Hill formula for Wales?*

This information is not held by the Welsh Government.

- 3. What is the average Carr Hill formula for each of the Health Boards in Wales?*

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- 4. Do you have a graph demonstrating the variation in Carr Hill formula in Wales?*

This information is not held by the Welsh Government.

5. *Are there any imminent plans from Welsh Government to "even" out the significant practice funding across Wales?*

There are no plans to change the Carr Hill formula.

6. *What is the cost per patient in Health Board run practices versus GMS practices in Cardiff & Vale.*

This information is not held by the Welsh Government.

7. *Is there any mechanism that a GP practice can appeal their Carr Hill rating if it is based on outdated historic information?*

There is no basis for appealing the formula itself. However under the NHS dispute resolution procedure within the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Wales) Regulations 2023 a GMS contractor can appeal payments if they have been miscalculated.

## **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](mailto: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,