

7 January 2025

Dear

ATISN 23195 – Use of Private Healthcare

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 16 December 2024 relating to private healthcare. You have requested the following:

- 1. How many patients were referred by the Welsh NHS for any form of consultation, examinations or treatment with a private healthcare provider between 2018 and 2024? Can I please have these figures broken down by year - either by calendar year or financial year depending on how they are recorded?*
- 2. How many Welsh NHS operations were outsourced to private healthcare providers in each year between 2018 and 2024?*
- 3. What was the total estimated cost to the Welsh NHS of using private healthcare providers in each year from 2018 to 2024?*

Our Response

1. Welsh Government does not hold this information. We suggest that you contact Health Boards. Contact details can be found [here](#)
2. Welsh Government does not hold this information. We suggest that you contact Digital Health and Care Wales. Contact details can be found [here](#)
3. Private Providers (Source : NHS Wales summarised accounts)

	£'000
2018-19	59,923
2019-20	61,034
2020-21	77,887
2021-22	93,094
2022-23	114,661
2023-24	112,232

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,