

15 September 2025

Dear

ATISN 25119 – Voluntary Scheme for branded medicine

Thank you for your request to Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 3 September 2025 relating to recruitment in relation to the voluntary scheme for branding medicines pricing agreement (vpag).

You requested the following:

- 1. The total number of opportunities for jobs paid from vpag money which have been open to the general public on NHS Jobs.*
- 2. The total number of opportunities for jobs paid from vpag money which have been restricted to applications from NHS employees.*
- 3. The total number of opportunities for jobs paid from vpag money which have been restricted to applications from only Powys health board employees.*
- 4. The total number of opportunities for jobs paid from vpag money which have been restricted to applications from Health Care Research Wales employees.*
- 5. The total number of opportunities for jobs paid from vpag money which have not required an application form just an email expressing interest.*
- 6. Can you send me copies of the HR and recruitment policies which were used for the vpag funded jobs.*
- 7. Please show the parts of these policies which allow the restricted recruitment.*

Our Response

The Welsh Government does not hold the information you are requesting.

You will need to contact the following NHS organisations who are in receipt of VPAG funding.

- Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
- Hywel Dda University Health Board
- Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
- Swansea Bay University Health Board
- Velindre University NHS Trust
- Powys Teaching Health Board

You can find their contact details here: [Contact us - NHS Wales](#)

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,