

15 April 2026

Dear

## **ATISN 26821 – Monitoring Dosage Systems**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on 24 March 2026, relating to Monitoring Dosage Systems (MDS). This letter constitutes the response referred to in the pre-action protocol compliant correspondence of 10 April 2026, sent by the Welsh Government's Legal Services Department, which noted that a response to the "FOI" request was to follow.

You requested for the following information to be provided:

- 1. Equality Impact Assessments, Human Rights Assessments, risk assessments, or internal analyses relating to MDS provision or its exclusion from the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF);*
- 2. Policy documents, minutes, or correspondence relating to the decision to exclude MDS from the CPCF;*
- 3. Any legal advice relied upon regarding charging for reasonable adjustments;*
- 4. Any internal risk assessments relating to patient safety, safeguarding, or medication-management risks arising from the current policy position.*

## **Our Response**

1. Welsh Government does not hold recorded information in scope of question 1.

As explained in our email to you of 25 February, requests for MDS or any other adjustments to support an individual patient, must be considered by community pharmacies on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 when providing pharmaceutical services in accordance with the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

2. We do not hold recorded information in scope of question 2, as no decision to exclude MDS from the CPCF has been made.
3. The Welsh Government does not hold recorded information in scope of question 3. Even if such information were held, it would be subject to legal professional privilege. Information attracting legal professional privilege is exempt from disclosure under section 42 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and would not be disclosable in any event.
4. The Welsh Government does not hold internal risk assessments that fall into scope of your request for the reasons set out above.

## **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,