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Dear Ms Wilde

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, received on 22nd January 2021, reference number **FOI 21-049**. I can confirm that the Health Board has completed a search of its records and has established that it does hold some information falling within the confines of your request as follows:

Do you provide access to an Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor?

Access to independent domestic abuse advisors is through the 3rd sector. The Health Board intranet provides information about the Health Boards Safeguarding Service for staff to obtain information on a variety of safeguarding subjects including Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence and this includes contact details for specialist providers, risk assessments and referral forms.

If yes, do you provide access to an IDAA at every hospital site?

As above.

Do you employ a domestic abuse specialist nurse?

The Health Board does not employ a Domestic Abuse Specialist Nurse. The Health Board's Safeguarding Team provide advice and support to staff who would then refer on to specialist providers.

If yes, do you employ a domestic abuse specialist nurse at every hospital site?

Please see above.

Do you have a Domestic Abuse policy?

The Health Board has a policy: Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence: A Workplace Policy for Supporting Staff. This is currently being updated but the extant version is attached.

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If yes, please provide a copy. Please see attached

Do you produce an annual safeguarding report on domestic abuse?

The Health Board actively contributes to annual reports produced by the Regional Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership Board, the Gwent Safeguarding Adults and Childrens Regional Board Reports and the Public Health Wales Safeguarding Report.

Do you conduct internal audits to ensure compliance to the domestic abuse policy?

No specific audits have been conducted to date but NHS Wales Internal Audit service has undertaken a generic review of Safeguarding.

Have you conducted training for staff on domestic abuse in the last 12 months. If no, in the last 24 months?

The Health Board delivers the NHS Wales 'Ask and Act' training package. As would be expected some sessions were cancelled in the last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic but these have now restarted and we offer four (4) sessions per month.

How many domestic abuse, stalking and harassment (DASH) risk assessments were completed by the trust/health board in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?

We do not hold the number of DASH assessments undertaken as these are based on individuals circumstances and we do not "count" the number of assessments.

We do not hold the number of DASH assessment referred to MARAC. this data.

How many domestic abuse, stalking and harassment (DASH) referrals were made by the trust/health board to a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?

As above

I hope that you find this information useful. If you are not satisfied that all of the information you have requested has been provided, or because of the way your request has been handled, you have the right to request a review. This would be looked into in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) guidelines, which state that a request for review should be received within two months of you receiving the Health Board's response to your request for information. Please contact Richard Howells, Board Secretary, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Headquarters, St Cadoc's Hospital, Lodge Road, Caerleon, Newport, NP18 3XQ, email: ABB.BoardSecretary@wales.nhs.uk in the first instance if you wish to request a review.

If you are still dissatisfied at the end of the review, you have the right to take your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at the following address:

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In the meantime, if you have any other queries please do not hesitate to contact Richard Howells on the contact details provided above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith Paget". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Judith Paget
Prif Weithredwr/Chief Executive