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Dear Mr Hawker

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 20th September 2018. Your questions are set out below:

- 1. With the imminent transfer of NHS healthcare and treatment at the Princess of Wales Hospital, from ABMU to Cwm Taf Health Board, please will you reveal if the private healthcare Bridgend Clinic, located in the Princess of Wales Hospital site will also be passed over to become the responsibility of Cwm Taf Health Board, who will then be able to utilise the benefits of the private income source, and also have the use of the Bridgend Clinic's beds as a supplement source of extra hospital beds to ease winter pressures on resources etc.?**

I can confirm that both Health Boards approved the Service Transfer proposal at their public board meetings held on 30 August. Papers relating to this meeting are available on our website:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/863/page/41576>

This service will transfer to Cwm Taf Health Board on 1 April 2019. Therefore Cwm Taf Health Board will benefit from the private income source and the use of the Bridgend Clinics beds to ease winter pressures.

- 2. With reference to the private healthcare Bridgend Clinic on the Princess of Wales Hospital site, operated by ABMU Health Board, how many of the past 5 winter periods, has the Bridgend Clinic beds been utilised to provide additional supplement NHS care to the main Princess of Wales Hospital bed availability? Could you please indicate approximately how many extra beds have been made available for each winter period? and for how many days?**

I can confirm that Bridgend Clinic beds have been utilised by the NHS when experiencing winter pressures. All 9 Bridgend Clinic beds can and have been utilised during these winter pressure periods to accommodate NHS patients.

The attached table shows how many bed days for each month during the winter pressures period are available within the Bridgend Clinic, the number of bed days that were utilised by NHS patients within Bridgend Clinic and finally, the percentage of available Bridgend Clinic beds that were utilised by NHS patients.

- 3. How many nursing staff are engaged to provide care services at the Bridgend Clinic.? & are these staff employed on a permanent basis at the Bridgend Clinic?**

As at 31 August 2018 there were 12 permanent qualified nurses employed in Bridgend Clinic.

- 4. Cwm Taf University Health Board has, just recently, held a number of interactive public forum events to inform the population they serve of their imminent responsibility for NHS care in the Bridgend catchment area. Providing the opportunity for public facing interaction and questions of concern etc. including presentations regarding GP clusters and various health services provided at surgeries etc. Could you please advise if ABMU Health Board intends to hold any similar public forum events, to inform the population of Bridgend and allay the public concerns and uncertainties that are increasingly becoming apparent with the imminent transfer of healthcare from ABMU to Cwm Taf Health Board.**

ABMU Health Board is working with Cwm Taf Health Board to organise a stakeholder meeting in November which will enable public facing interaction and questions to be raised on the Bridgend Boundary Change. This will be a joint event between the two organisations so that any concerns or issues can be considered and addressed. Cwm Taf Health Board may then arrange further public forum events in Bridgend in a similar fashion to those arranged elsewhere in their Health Board area.

- 5. Recent attendances I have made at ABMU Health Board meetings have departed from normal practice, in that no printed copies of the meeting agendas etc, have been made available for public viewing. Board discussions take place with reference to pages displayed upon personal electronic devices, with no indication to the public attendees. Will ABMU Health Board please arrange to either provide printed copies for public attendee, or perhaps arrange for a display screen/projector to enable meaningful presentation of information for members of the public?**

This information is not recorded by the Health Board. It is therefore not a valid request under FOIA.

However I understand we have responded to you separately regarding this question, stating that that it is not normal practice to print board papers, but if you do wish to attend Board meetings to let us know and we will arrange a printed copy for you.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely

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

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