

Freedom of Information Act Request – Reference Fol/14/008
Use of External Agencies

Request details

- 1 Could you please tell me if you employ any external advisory companies with regard to giving advice to the board on Access to Health Records and the Fol and DP acts?
- 2 If so, which companies?
- 3 How are they appointed?

Do they have to go through a competitive tendering procedure, and if so what?

- 4 Is it possible to see the terms of the contract?
- 5 When do these contracts end?

Response

- 1 Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (UHB) does not employ an external advisory company to provide advice to the Board on the issues detailed. In circumstances where advice may be required in the first instance the UHB will contact [NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership](#) - Legal and Risk Services. However if required and deemed necessary there is also an external legal services contract with Morgan Cole solicitors for Health Boards and Trusts in Wales which does include the provision of advice in these areas.
- 2 As stated above Morgan Cole Solicitors
- 3 Morgan Cole were appointed as part of a competitive tender process.
- 4 Cardiff and Vale UHB has relied upon section 43(2) - information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).
- 5 31st January 2016. However it is possible that the contract may be extended because the contract contains provisions to permit this.