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Dear Mr Oakley,

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 6th January 2014. Your request sought information relating to the following:

- 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 FOI and DP Acts?**

There is an external legal services contract with Morgan Cole solicitors for Health Boards and Trusts in Wales which includes the provision of this kind of advice.

- 2. If so, which companies?**

See above - Morgan Cole Solicitors.

- 3. How are they appointed?**

They are appointed by competitive tender.

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

Yes, see above.

- 5. Is it possible to see the terms of the contract?**

This information is withheld under Section 43 of the FOI Act which sets out an exemption from the right to know if release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

6. When do these contracts end?

The termination date is the 31st January 2016. However it is possible that the contract may be extended because there are provisions within it that permit that.

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

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Yours sincerely



Steve Combe
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