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 CTMUHB_99_23

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_99_23

Thank you for your request for information received on the 28 February 2023. Please find the response from Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board set out below:

You asked:

Please can I request the meeting minutes from the Gold / Silver / Bronze (ILG level) meetings which took place during March, April and May 2020.

Our response:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under Section 17 of the Act. The information requested is relevant to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry that commenced on the 28 June 2022 and is ongoing.

The Health Board is not required to provide information if there are prohibitions on disclosure.

<u>Section 44</u> is an absolute exemption, which means that if information is covered by any of the subsections in section 44 it is exempt from disclosure. It is not subject to a public interest test.

Section 44(1)(a) exempts information where its disclosure is prohibited by other legislation. In this case, disclosure of the information you are seeking is prohibited by Section 19 of the <u>Inquiries Act 2005</u>.

Croeso i chi gyfathrebu â'r bwrdd iechyd yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Byddwn yn ymateb yn yr un iaith a ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi.

You are welcome to correspond with the health board in Welsh or English. We will respond accordingly and this will not delay the response.

Cyfeiriad Dychwelyd / Return Address:

Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Cwm Taf Morgannwg, Pencadlys, Parc Navigation, Abercynon, CF45 4SN Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board, Headquarters, Navigation Park, Abercynon, CF45 4SN

Cadeirydd/Chair: Mr Emrys Elias Prif Weithredydd/ Chief Executive: Mr Paul Mears

However to assist, information and timescales relating to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry can be found via the following link <u>UK Covid-19 Inquiry (covid19.public-inquiry.uk)</u>

Under the Health Board's Freedom of Information policy, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request an internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request please contact me directly at the address below. If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

- Information Commissioner's Office Wales
 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH
- Telephone: 0330 414 6421 / Email: wales@ico.gsi.gov.uk
- https://ico.org.uk/

You should note, however, that the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted our internal complaints procedures before dealing with such an application. Further guidance may be found on the Information Commissioner's website click here.

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board routinely publishes details of all Freedom of Information Act requests received in its disclosure log. The Disclosure Log can be found at http://cwmtafmorgannwg.wales/foi/disclosure-log/

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

The Freedom of Information Team /Y Tîm Rhyddid Gwybodaeth