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Date: 1st December 2023

Ref: CORP 2023 - 188

Dear xxxxxxxxx

Freedom of Information request: Blood bought from other UK services (CORP 2023 – 188)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 20th November 2023.

Your Request:

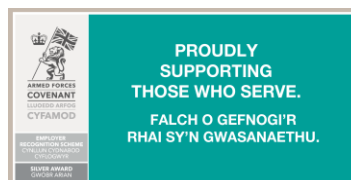
I would like to enquire whether the Welsh Blood Service has needed to buy in blood units from other UK blood services in 2023 and if so, how many and from which service.

Please find the Trust's response below:

The Welsh Blood Service has purchased 193 units of blood from NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) broken down as follows:

2023	Red cells imported directly to North Wales Hospitals	Imported to South Wales	Total
January	11	7	18
February	2	0	2
March	5	0	5
April	7	40	47
May	25	6	31
June	17	0	17
July	16	5	21
August	19	0	19
September	19	0	19
October	14	0	14
Total	135*	58	193

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*135 Units North Wales - these were crossmatched blood units for patients who needed blood either urgently or within a timeframe that the Welsh Blood Service could not meet due to the geography (for example within the same day).

The Welsh Blood Service has an agreement in place which allows Bets Cadwaladr University Trust to order these units directly from NHSBT, in turn the Welsh Blood Service reimburse the Health Board for those units.

I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to complain and request a review. Please note that you must submit a request for a review within 40 days of the date of this letter.

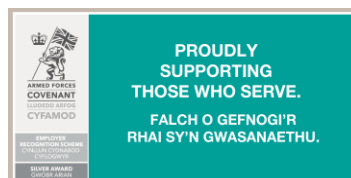
You should forward your complaint to:-

Mr Ian Bevan via FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk
Head of Information Governance
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Information Commissioner's Office - Wales
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Yours sincerely

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