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Date: 21st March 2024
Ref: CORP 2024 - 047

Dear xxxx

Freedom of Information request: Physician Associates and prescribing / ionising radiation (CORP 2024 – 047)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 29th February 2024.

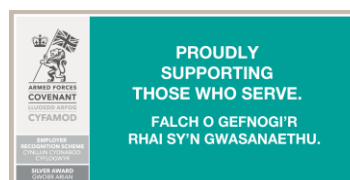
Your Request:

This request will only be relevant if your trust hires/has hired physician associates (PAs).

- 1) *In several physician associates (PAs) have erroneously prescribed medications to patients. If this has happened at your trust, please provide the following information:*
 - a) *The earliest and latest date a prescription was made by a physician associate?*
 - b) *The total number of physician associates who have made unauthorised prescriptions?*
 - c) *The total number of prescriptions made by PAs that have been acted on, i.e. patients given medication?*
 - d) *The total number of prescription requests made by PAs that were not acted on, i.e. patients not given medications?*
 - e) *Please list all controlled medications and cytotoxic drugs prescribed by physician associates, and the total number of occasions on which they were prescribed?*
 - f) *Please give the number of patients who came to harm as a result of PAs making any unauthorised prescriptions?*
 - g) *Please explain how it was possible for PAs to prescribe medication at your trust (e.g. PAs accidentally given prescribing functionality)?*
 - h) *What steps have you taken to rectify this issue, including any penalties for the physician associates involved?*

- 2) *Several trusts have reported situations in which their physician associates (PAs) have erroneously ordered ionising radiation. If this has happened at your trust, please provide the following information:*
 - a) *Total number of incidents in which PAs made requests for ionising radiation?*
 - b) *Total number of incidents in which PAs made requests for ionising radiation, and these requests were acted on (i.e. the patient received the scan with ionising radiation as requested by the PA)?*

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Please find the Trust's response below:

The Trust's Physician Associates do not prescribe any medication or order ionising scans.

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
Velindre University NHS Trust
2, Charnwood Court
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Information Commissioner's Office - Wales
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Churchill Way,
Cardiff, CF10 2HH
Telephone: 0330 414 6421
email: wales@ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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