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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Ref: CORP 2024 - 020

Dear xxxx

**Freedom of Information request: Details regarding the use of Physician Associates (CORP 2024 - 020)**

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Your Request:

1. *How many Physician Associates are currently employed by your organisation?*
2. *Please provide copies of any policies regarding physician associates in your organisation. For example, policies regarding the scope of practice, clinical procedures, governance, supervision and appraisal processes for physician associates.*
3. *Please provide details of any patient safety incidents (reported via Datix or other internal patient safety reporting systems) where the clinician involved was a Physician Associate. Where possible, please include a breakdown of these incidents by year, severity and categorisation (e.g., department, nature of the incident, patient harm, outcome, organisational response etc).*

Please find the Trust's response below:

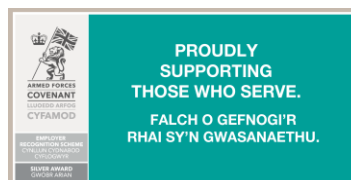
**1. How many Physician Associates are currently employed by your organisation?**

There are less than 6 Physician Associates within the Trust and therefore we are applying an exemption under Section 40(2) (personal data) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the Trust believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified if the figures were disclosed.

**2. Please provide copies of any policies regarding physician associates in your organisation. For example, policies regarding the scope of practice, clinical procedures, governance, supervision and appraisal processes for physician associates.**

The Physician Associates with Velindre come through the streamlining with Health Education and Improvement Wales. As such, this would need to be

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directed to [heiw.foi@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:heiw.foi@wales.nhs.uk). Further information can be found at <https://heiw.nhs.wales/education-and-training/physician-associates/>.

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The Trust has not had any patient safety incidents reported via Datix involving a Physician Associate.

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.

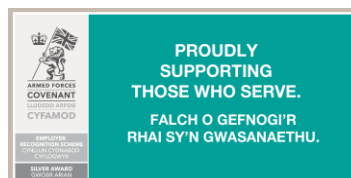
You should forward your complaint to:

Mr Ian Bevan via [FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk)  
Head of Information Governance  
Velindre University NHS Trust  
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Should you wish to take your complaint further, if you are still unhappy with the decision after review, you can contact the:

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