

Date: 8th May 2025
Ref: CORP 2025 - 72

Dear xxx

Environmental Information Regulations Request: Independent Tester December Report (CORP 2025 – 072)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 27th March 2025. We apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Your Request:

1. A copy of the Independent Tester December report as mentioned in the Public Transforming Cancer Services Programme Scrutiny Sub-Committee, Thur 23 January 2025, page 43/77 point 3 Independent Tester (IT) Red Issues.

Please find the Trust's response below:

The Trust considers this information is commercially sensitive and should be withheld under the exception in Regulation 125)(e) Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Regulation 12(5)(e) provides:

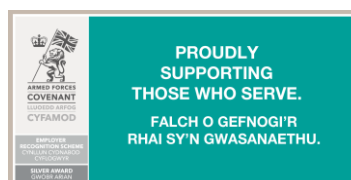
- (5) For the purposes of paragraph 1(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that its disclosure would adversely affect -
 - (e) the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest.

This is a qualified exception under the EIR which means that consideration must also be given to whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest favouring disclosure is greater than the public interest in maintaining the exception.

The Trust understands that there is a general public interest in disclosure of this information and recognises the need for transparency and accountability. However, there is a strong public interest in ensuring that the commercial and economic interests of external businesses are not damaged or undermined by disclosure of information which is not common knowledge, and which would adversely impact on future business. It is in the public interest that the trust between Velindre University NHS Trust and business be maintained.

In this instance, the Trust concludes that the public interest in engaging this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosure and therefore is withholding the information.

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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
Heol Billingsley
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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:

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales
2nd Floor
Churchill House
Churchill Way
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CF10 2HH
Telephone: 0330 414 6421
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Yours sincerely

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