



Our Ref: FOI/12/11/20

Date: 17 November 2020

**Please assist me by clarify which Welsh Minister is responsible for authorising the allocation of Public Money to Health Education In Wales in respect of the Employment and Pre-Registration Training in Clinical Psychology of NHS employees (Trainee Clinical Psychologists) employed by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board?**

Cath Williams, on behalf of Julie Rogers, responded to your request on 27 July 2020 and advised you as follows:

'I can confirm that the Minister for Health & Social Services is Vaughan Gething.'

You sent an email dated 29 October 2020 in response, advising that our response dated 27 July 2020 informed you of the name of the Minister, but did not provide the clarification you had requested. At that point you added a further element to your initial request and asked:

**Is Vaughan Gething responsible for authorising the allocation of Public Money to Health Education In Wales in respect of the provision of employment places and vocational employment training in clinical psychology for NHS employees employed by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board?**

**Under what legislation does the Minister for Health and Social Services allocate Public Money to HEIW in respect of the provision of employment places and vocational employment training in clinical psychology for NHS employees employed by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board?**

Susan Marszalek, on behalf of Angela Parry, Interim Director of Nursing, responded to your request on 12 November 2020 and advised you as follows:

We can advise that you will need to contact the Health Minister directly regarding the matters you are seeking answers to.

You sent an email dated 12 November 2020 in response advising that:

**Your response is unsatisfactory; as it does not provide me with information that is in the possession of Health Education and Improvement Wales.**

**I have specifically requested information that is held by HEIW. Therefore, it is for HEIW to provide information held by HEIW.**

**Failure to provide information constitutes breach of the FOI Act 2000. HEIW is already in breach of the FOI Act 2000 by failing to respond to my request of 27/07/2020 within 20 working days, and failed to acknowledge receipt within the 2-day period required by the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner has declared that deliberately withholding information and/or issuing false statements with the intention of withhold information constitutes offences under**

s.77 FOI Act 2000.

Every request for information is subject to the requirement for compliance with the provisions of the FOI Act 2000; the Requester does not have to cite the FOI Act 2000.

I request HEIW provide the information requested; which as you well know is in the possession of HEIW.

I would advise that HEIW did provide you with the name of Vaughan Gething as the Minister for Health and Social Services. The question you have asked about the '**responsibility for authorising the allocation of Public Money to Health Education in Wales in respect of the provision of employment places and vocational employment training in clinical psychology for NHS employees employed by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board?**' will need to be redirected to the office of the Minister for Health and Social Services. This is because HEIW does not know the decision-making powers for Welsh Government Ministers in this regard. In order to comply with our obligation under Section 16 to advise and assist, please see detailed below the link to the Welsh Government website where you will find information on contacting Welsh Government Ministers:

<https://gov.wales/contacting-welsh-government-ministers>

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