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I write to ask why FOI/28/09/20 has stated no guardians at Wales hospitals?

I can confirm that Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) has reviewed the response it previously provided and can confirm that HEIW did not state that there were no guardians at Wales hospitals. Our letter dated 2 October 2020, stated that HEIW does not have Freedom to Speak Guardians. Please note that as a training and education organisation, HEIW is not directly responsible for managing hospitals in Wales.

Our response also stated that HEIW was unable to answer the questions regarding NHS Wales as a whole or for individual Health Boards and Trusts but did provide a web link so that the information in respect of Freedom to Speak Guardians could be sought from the individual Health Boards and Trusts within NHS Wales.

The contact details for those organisations in NHS Wales was provided by the web link in our response dated 2 October 2020. To assist you further I confirm that the link is to be found here http://www.wales.nhs.uk/nhswalesaboutus/structure.