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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 11th June 2019. Your request sought information relating to dental foundation contracts.

Please note that from 1st April 2019 responsibility for providing healthcare services for people in the Bridgend County Borough Council area transferred from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board to Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board. In light of this change to ABMU's responsibilities, the organisation's name has changed to Swansea Bay University Health Board. Therefore this response takes into account these changes and any information relating to the Bridgend area, will now be held by Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board.

Please provide information regarding all the dental foundation contracts in your Health Boards area please, specifically in an excel spreadsheet:

1.	Contract holding entity
2.	Personal contact
3.	address
4.	Town
5.	Postcode
6.	email
7.	Telephone Number
8.	Size of contract (quantity e.g. UDA)
9.	Value of Units
10.	Value of contract
11.	Total turnover



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12.	Number of dentists trained per annum
13.	Years contract held

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The practice/provider name, address etc associated with each contract had been withheld. Section 43 of the Act sets out an exemption for the right to know if release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity). Section 43 is a qualified exemption. That is, it is subject to the public interest test.

The commercial interests of the Health Board might be prejudiced if certain information in relation to one transaction were to become available to a counterparty in negotiations on a subsequent transaction. Dentists or companies who are the signed contract holders are responsible for the delivery of dental services under the dental contract. They remunerate performers (dentists who work under the contract) with an agreed UDA value for achievement of dental activity. This may not be the same UDA value of the overall contract or those paid by other contracts. By releasing individual contract information may risk destabilizing practices and have a negative impact on practices with a lower UDA value, being able to retain or recruit performers/staff under the contract. This in turn would affect the Health Boards commercial interests.

Therefore, in conclusion we feel that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in releasing at this time.

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Please find attached.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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