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Health Board

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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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Dear ,

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 26th November 2020. Your request sought information relating to coroner's inquests.

For the individual financial years 2012/13 through to 2019/2020 inclusive, how much was spent by your Health Board on legal costs for coroner's inquests.

This includes representation, preparation and counsel for staff appearing at inquests, as well as the money paid to legal firms for their time on inquest cases.

We have provided figures for closed inquests. The figures are for payments made during the tax years specified (as the inquest progressed) and not the overall total for each closed inquest.

We are unable to provide figures for 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15, as prior to 2015/16 the system on which this data was stored could not differentiate between payments, and whether they were made on an inquest or claim.

Please note that since FY 2016/17, the number of inquests have increased. Over this time, the investigation of inquests has also become more in-depth, requiring extra instruction of Legal & Risk services and therefore an increase in costs.

Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Cost	£8,360.94	£2,770.76	£54,835.20	£54,380.12	£65,983.90



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

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Yours sincerely



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