

Communities First and health budgets

18 February 2014

I am writing to respond to your request for information dated 31 January 2014 (and contained in an envelope addressed to the Auditor General for Wales), which we received on 3 February 2014, and in which you ask for the following information:

- (i) "the parameters of your investigation into the inclusion of Talacre village into the Communities First Scheme"
- (ii) "different parameters for inclusion into the Communities First Scheme";
- (iii) "the specific amounts removed from the Health Budget whilst Ms Hart was Health Minister";
- (iv) "the actual Health Budget totals for the period of 2 years before Ms E Hart was Health Minister";
- (v) "the total financial amounts for each year that she was Health Minister";
- (vi) "the subsequent yearly budgets of the Health Service in Wales since she left";
- (vii) "the annual spend budgets from the area that Ms Hart went to after leaving the Health Service That [sic] is Minister of Economy, Science and Transport for the 2 years before she took this new Ministry and the three years following";
- (viii) "the annual spend each year on the Communities First Programme since its inception in 2002 until present";
- (ix) "the expenditure in the Communities First Scheme for Coed Mor and Talacre from 2002 until present."

(I have inserted numbering for ease of reference.)

I consider your request to be vexatious under section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and therefore I am not obliged to comply with your request.

I consider your request to be vexatious as it is a continuation of the unreasonable persistence of correspondence regarding matters you raised originally with the then appointed auditor for Flintshire County Council in 2005, as set out in Ian Hughes' letter to you of 12 February 2014.

If you wish to complain about my handling of your request, please email or write to Ian Hughes.

I must also refer you to section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act under which you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether or not your request has been dealt with in accordance with the Act. The Information Commissioner's contact details are:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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You should note, however, that the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted our internal complaints procedures before dealing with such an application. Further guidance may be found on the Information Commissioner's website <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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