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## NHS Energy Management

I am writing in response to your request for information below dated 02 February 2018 in which you requested information regarding NHS Energy Management.

For ease of reference, I have reproduced your question below and set out our corresponding response.

**I am currently undertaking some research into energy use within the health sector in Wales and have come across the following report:**

**[http://www.wales.nhs.uk/documents/NHS\\_Energy\\_Management.pdf](http://www.wales.nhs.uk/documents/NHS_Energy_Management.pdf) Whilst providing some invaluable background information, the report is now over 12 years old. I am therefore enquiring as to whether any subsequent audits have been undertaken or if there is any report which indicates how your recommendations were acted upon? If so, would it be possible to be supplied with these reports (or the appropriate link).**

We hold some information in the form of a National Assembly Audit Committee report. This followed our 2005 report and is available on the webpage for the National Assembly for Wales Audit Committee reports from the 2nd Assembly at:

<http://www.assembly.wales/en/bus-home/archive-business/bus-second-assembly/2-ac/Pages/bus-committees-second-ac-reports.aspx> where you will also find the Welsh Government response to that Audit Committee report. The Committee, in taking evidence, was following up the issues raised by our report. This information is reasonably accessible to you by other means and is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We have not carried out specific NHS Wales wide work on energy use since our 2005 report and therefore do not hold records of further specific reports. We carried out wider work on buildings management in 2009 and 2010 which touched on energy management related issues, including in relation to the NHS, although it did not provide details about individual organisations' energy performance. We published a [report](#) and a [good practice guide](#) which may be of interest to you.

Following the NHS reorganisation, [NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership](#) (NWSSP) leads on procurement and on estates management related issues. We are aware that, at

least until 2012-13, Welsh Health Supplies and then NWSSP published an annual Estate Condition and Performance Report which included commentary on energy performance, both overall and at health board level, and you may wish to contact NWSSP for information regarding this. We have located a copy of the NHS Estates Dashboard report for 2014- 15 which includes some information about NHS energy related matters and this is attached in case it is of interest. Individual NHS bodies are also likely to report on energy use/performance in their annual reports, which should be in the public domain.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, please write to Martin Peters, Law and Ethics Manager, by email to [martin.peters@audit.wales](mailto:martin.peters@audit.wales) or by post to 24 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9LJ.

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:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF  
email : [casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk)  
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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:

<https://ico.org.uk/>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely