



ATISN 15393

2 September 2021

Dear ,

**ATISN 15393 – Support for Carers**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 6 August. I interpreted your request for information as:

- 1. Funding that Welsh Government has provided to support unpaid carers in the last five financial years including April 2017-18, 2018 -19, 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22. Including the name of the funding stream, its objectives, the duration of the funding, the amount of funding broken down by financial year, which bodies deliver/administer/ or allocate/ the funding and confirm whether it exclusively targets unpaid carers.*

**Our response**

The Welsh Government holds the information of this description and it is enclosed at Annex A of this letter. The majority of funding which facilitates social care services provision and other services which benefit unpaid carers, and those with care and support needs, lies within the annual local government funding settlement, and local health board and NHS budgets.

**Next steps**

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ

or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,

Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,

## ANNEX 1 - ATISN 15393: Support for unpaid carers

N.B. All sums stated for financial year 2021-22 are grant funding awards or allocations. Final expenditure will not be known until end of 2021-22 financial year. The final sum may differ due to changes within projects during the year.

<b>Name of funding stream:</b>	<b>Sustainable Social Services Third Sector Grant – Phase 1 2016-2020</b>
<b>Does the funding stream exclusively target unpaid carers?</b>	No
<b>Summary of general aims and objectives of the funding (including a summary of any mention of unpaid carers if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers):</b>	The purpose of the Sustainable Social Services Third Sector Grant is to support Welsh Ministers' priorities of an equal relationship between people and practitioners; early intervention and prevention; and transforming the way people's needs for care and support are met. It was designed to deliver activity in support of the principles of the Social Services and Wellbeing Wales Act 2014, which was implemented from April 2016. Required criteria: The project will demonstrate an equal and reciprocal partnership with a broad range of stakeholders. Criteria includes unpaid carers as an eligible group
<b>Duration of funding stream (please include start and end dates (or if applicable indicate funding is ongoing):</b>	2016-2020
<b>Amount of funding in total per annum for each of the last five years from 2017-18 - 2021-22</b>	2017-18 - £7,248,147 2018-19 - £6,796,771 2019 -20 - £6,796,771
<b>Amount of funding allocated to the support of unpaid carers if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers (again please provide this information per annum for each of the last five years):</b>	2017-2018 – £579,094 2018-2019 – £544,449 2019-2020 – £544,449
<b>Please indicate which body/bodies Welsh Government delivers/ allocates/ administers the funding stream through (for example Local Authorities, Health Boards, Third Sector Organisations) or indicate that the funding is allocated directly by Welsh Government:</b>	Funding awarded directly by the Welsh Government to Third Sector organisations.

Name of funding stream:	<b>Sustainable Social Services Third Sector Grant – Phase 2 2020-2023</b>
Does the funding stream exclusively target unpaid carers?	No
Summary of general aims and objectives of the funding (including a summary of any mention of unpaid carers if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers):	<p>The purpose of the Sustainable Social Services Third Sector Grant (Phase 2) is to support Welsh Ministers' priorities of an equal relationship between people and practitioners; early intervention and prevention; and transforming the way people's needs for care and support are met.</p> <p>The grant provides funding for projects delivered by Third Sector Organisations, with a proven track record in delivering projects and knowledge and/or experience of the social care sector.</p> <p>From the grant criteria: Grants will be for projects that deliver early intervention and prevention and address care and support needs identified in regional population assessments and area plans and the national population assessment report. Projects that support the core themes can be considered for funding through this grant. Criteria includes unpaid carers who need support.</p>
Duration of funding stream (please include start and end dates (or if applicable indicate funding is ongoing):	April 2020- March 2023
Amount of funding in total per annum for each of the last five years: (starting 2017-18 and up to including 2021-22):	2020-21: £8,477,415 2021-22: £8,975,020
Amount of funding allocated to the support of unpaid carers, if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers (again please provide this information per annum for each of the last five years):	<p>Projects within the SSSTSG phase 2 that exclusively target unpaid carers:</p> <p>2020-2021 – £874,978 2021-2022 – £893,131</p> <p>Other projects which include carers but are not wholly targeting unpaid carers:</p> <p>The funding identified below is associated with a project that provides advice and assistance, or advocacy. Included in its aims: 'Family members and <b>carers</b> will feel more supported to provide care for their parents and relatives and reduce the burden on hospitals and residential care providers'.</p> <p>2020-2021 – £151,000 2021-2022 – £201,000</p>
Please indicate which body/bodies Welsh Government delivers/ allocates/ administers the funding stream through (for example Local Authorities, Health Boards, Third	<p>Funding awarded directly by the Welsh Government to Third Sector organisations.</p> <p><a href="https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-01/projects-funded-through-the-sustainable-social-services-third-sector-grant-for-2020-to-2023.pdf">https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-01/projects-funded-through-the-sustainable-social-services-third-sector-grant-for-2020-to-2023.pdf</a></p>

Sector Organisations) or indicate that the funding is allocated directly by Welsh Government:	
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Name of funding stream:	<b>Welsh Government Social Services and Integration Directorate direct grant funding for unpaid carers activity</b>
Does the funding stream exclusively target unpaid carers?	No, however the projects listed here are those directly targeting unpaid carers
Summary of general aims and objectives of the funding (including a summary of any mention of unpaid carers if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers):	Direct social services grant funding is provided to organisations, predominantly third sector. This funding is for use within a single financial year for delivery by an organisation(s) of activity and services which support unpaid carers either directly, or through achieving impacts in support of the 2014 SSWB Act and the national priorities for unpaid carers. This could include for example, raising awareness of information, advice and assistance services, or improving carers' understanding of their rights under the SSWB Act.
Duration of funding stream (please include start and end dates (or if applicable indicate funding is ongoing):	Annual funding – applications for specific work must be submitted for review and approval
Amount of funding in total per annum for each of the last five years: (starting 2017-18 and up to including 2021-22):	2017-2018 – £130,494 2018-2019 – £68,900 2019-2020 – £89,056 2020-2021 – £624,937 2021-2022- £408,000
Amount of funding allocated to the support of unpaid carers, if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers (again please provide this information per annum for each of the last five years):	Not applicable
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Name of funding stream:	<b>Hardship Fund for Carers/ Carer Support Grant</b>
Does the funding stream exclusively target unpaid carers?	Yes
Summary of general aims and objectives of the funding (including a	Established to help alleviate the increased financial pressures generated by the pandemic

summary of any mention of unpaid carers if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers):	causing unpaid carers, additional stress and anxiety.  Grants of up to £300 for a range of essentials, including; food, household items such as furniture or white goods, or electronics such as a laptop for access to support and services.
Duration of funding stream (please include start and end dates (or if applicable indicate funding is ongoing):	2020-22
Amount of funding in total per annum for each of the last five years: (starting 2017-18 and up to including 2021-22):	2020-2021 – £1,385,000 2021-2022 – £1,000,000  Figures include organisation administration costs
Amount of funding allocated to the support of unpaid carers, if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers (again please provide this information per annum for each of the last five years):	N/A
Please indicate which body/bodies Welsh Government delivers/ allocates/ administers the funding stream through (for example Local Authorities, Health Boards, Third Sector Organisations) or indicate that the funding is allocated directly by Welsh Government:	Third Sector

Name of funding stream:	<b>Local Health Boards and Carers Partnerships Funding</b> (previously known as Transitional funding in 2016-18)
Does the funding stream exclusively target unpaid carers?	Yes
Summary of general aims and objectives of the funding (including a summary of any mention of unpaid carers if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers):	It will support delivery against the three national priorities for carer, now four priorities following publication of the Strategy for unpaid carers in March 2021 These are: Supporting life alongside caring; Identifying and recognising carers; Providing information, advice and assistance; and Supporting unpaid carers in education and the workplace.  The funding is to enable work to improve training and recognition of unpaid carer's needs in primary care; and training for health care workers to support the unpaid carer during discharge from hospital of the person they care for. Since 2020-21 more flexibility was introduced enabling LHBs and their partnerships to identify priorities in their areas, to help all ages of unpaid carers when they are in contact with healthcare and social services. The activity should not duplicate anything being

	funded from other sources, including the Integrated Care Fund.
Duration of funding stream (please include start and end dates (or if applicable indicate funding is ongoing):	Started 2016-17 and is agreed each year subject to Ministerial approval
Amount of funding in total per annum for each of the last five years: (starting 2017-18 and up to including 2021-22):	2017-2018 – £1m 2018-2019 – £1m 2019-2020 – £1m 2020-2021 – £1m 2021-2022 – £1m
Amount of funding allocated to the support of unpaid carers, if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers (again please provide this information per annum for each of the last five years):	N/A
Please indicate which body/bodies Welsh Government delivers/ allocates/ administers the funding stream through (for example Local Authorities, Health Boards, Third Sector Organisations) or indicate that the funding is allocated directly by Welsh Government:	Funding allocation to Local Health Boards for dissemination to third sector and public sector partners.  Project funding decisions made by RPBs / regional consortia

Name of funding stream:	<b>Carers' Respite funding</b>
Does the funding stream exclusively target unpaid carers?	Yes
Summary of general aims and objectives of the funding (including a summary of any mention of unpaid carers if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers):	<p>From 2017-19, £3m funding was provided to local authorities to fund respite for carers. This might include day care, at home care, host family care and overnight care.</p> <p>This funding supported the three national carers priorities and specifically, "Supporting life alongside caring – All carers must have reasonable breaks from their caring role to enable them to maintain their capacity to care, and to have a life beyond caring". It was incorporated into local authority annual budgets from 2018-19.</p> <p>In 2021-22, we have allocated £3million to increase and diversify respite services for unpaid carers across Wales. Initially, local authorities have used the funding to meet the spike in demand for respite as lockdown restrictions were eased. As the year progresses, we are encouraging local authorities to work across sectors to develop more innovative approaches, such as a short breaks fund.</p>

Duration of funding stream (please include start and end dates (or if applicable indicate funding is ongoing):	2017-19 2021-22
Amount of funding in total per annum for each of the last five years: (starting 2017-18 and up to including 2021-22):	2017-18 - £3m 2018-19 - £3m 2021-2022 – £3m (due to Covid 19 pressures)
Amount of funding allocated to the support of unpaid carers, if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers (again please provide this information per annum for each of the last five years):	N/A
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Name of funding stream:	<b>National Young Carers' ID Card Scheme</b>
Does the funding stream exclusively target unpaid carers?	Yes
Summary of general aims and objectives of the funding (including a summary of any mention of unpaid carers if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers):	<p>Fundamental to delivering better outcomes for young carers is the need to improve their recognition of their own role and to improve their access to timely and appropriate information and advice. A national Young Carers ID card scheme will have a positive impact on the lives of young carers throughout Wales, helping to deliver the rights for carers contained within the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014.</p> <p>Working in co-production with all local authorities and a third sector organisation, the voluntary ID card will be available to young carers aged up to 18, if they want one. At summer 2021 there are 16 local authorities which have launched a new card or have transitioned an existing ID card. The aim is to have a card available in all 22 LAs by end of March 2022.</p>
Duration of funding stream (please include start and end dates (or if applicable indicate funding is ongoing):	2018 – 22
Amount of funding in total per annum for each of the last five years: (starting 2017-18 and up to including 2021-22):	2018-2019 - £33,772 2019-2020 - £63,252 2020-2021 – £148,195 2021-2022 – £186,000
Amount of funding allocated to the support of unpaid carers, if the funding does not	N/A



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Please indicate which body/bodies Welsh Government delivers/ allocates/ administers the funding stream through (for example Local Authorities, Health Boards, Third Sector Organisations) or indicate that the funding is allocated directly by Welsh Government:	Welsh Government funding to Local Authorities and Third Sector co-production partner

Name of funding stream:	<b>Integrated Care Fund (Revenue)</b>	
Does the funding stream exclusively target unpaid carers?	No	
Summary of general aims and objectives of the funding (including a summary of any mention of unpaid carers if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers):	<p>ICF is a preventative programme aimed at meeting people's care and support needs through the provision of more joined up, seamless health and social care services. It is a key delivery mechanism for the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. The fund's objectives are therefore aligned with Regional Partnership Board (RPB) priority areas for integration as set out in Part 9 of the 2014 Act. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• older people with complex needs;</li> <li>• people with learning disabilities; children with complex needs, <u>and carers, including young carers; and</u></li> <li>• children on the edge of care(from 2019-20).</li> </ul> <p>The Welsh Government has published two annual reports on the ICF and these provide more context about the ICF and RPB investment for carers:  <a href="https://gov.wales/wales-integrated-care-fund-icf-annual-report-2018-2019">https://gov.wales/wales-integrated-care-fund-icf-annual-report-2018-2019</a>  <a href="https://gov.wales/integrated-care-fund-icf-annual-report-2019-2020">https://gov.wales/integrated-care-fund-icf-annual-report-2019-2020</a></p>	
Duration of funding stream (please include start and end dates (or if applicable indicate funding is ongoing):	Established 2014-15. Will conclude on 31 March 2022.	
Amount of funding in total per annum for each of the last five years: (starting 2017-18 and up to including 2021-22):	Year	ICF revenue budget – Total in £m
	2017-18	£50m
	2018-19	£59m
	2019-20	£89m
	2020-21	£89m
	2021-22	£89m
Amount of funding allocated to the support of unpaid carers, if the funding does not exclusively target	Funding for carers is contained within the “People with learning disabilities; children with complex needs, and carers” priority area for integration as	

unpaid carers (again please provide this information per annum for each of the last five years):

referenced above. There is no dedicated resource for carers. RPBs can determine how they wish to spend their allocated funding from Welsh Government. ICF guidance issued to RPBs on an annual basis on the use of the fund encourages RPBs to prioritise investment that supports carers own well-being needs.

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>ICF revenue budget - People with Learning Disabilities, Children with Complex Needs and Carers allocation</b>
<i>2017-18</i>	<i>£15M</i>
<i>2018-19</i>	<i>£15M</i>
<i>2019-20</i>	<i>£20M</i>
<i>2020-21</i>	<i>£20M</i>
<i>2021-22</i>	<i>£20M</i>

<b>Year</b>	<b>ICF revenue – unpaid carers expenditure</b>
2017-18	N/A*
2018-19	£1,141,652
2019-20	£2,440,613
2020-21	Unavailable at present time*

\* In 2017-2018 RPBs were not required to identify a separate breakdown of unpaid carers funding and activity.

\*A revue is underway by RPBs to check and confirm their expenditure on revenue projects for 2020-21. Annual report not yet published.

[https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-01/integrated-care-fund-annual-report-2018-2019\\_0.pdf](https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-01/integrated-care-fund-annual-report-2018-2019_0.pdf)

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-03/integrated-care-fund-annual-report-2019-2020.pdf>

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-02/integrated-care-fund-revenue-capital-and-dementia-guidance-2021-2022.pdf>

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Regional Partnership Boards (RPB)

Name of funding stream:	<b>Integrated Care Fund (Capital)</b>												
Does the funding stream exclusively target unpaid carers?	No												
Summary of general aims and objectives of the funding (including a summary of any mention of unpaid carers if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers):	See above (Integrated Care Fund, Revenue)												
Duration of funding stream (please include start and end dates (or if applicable indicate funding is ongoing):	ICF capital has been running since 2014-15. The funding currently ends in March 2022.												
Amount of funding in total per annum for each of the last five years: (starting 2017-18 and up to including 2021-22):	<p style="text-align: center;">Total ICF funding.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>ICF Capital Budget - £m</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2017-18</td> <td>10m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018-19</td> <td>30m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019-20</td> <td>35m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2020-21</td> <td>40m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2021-22</td> <td>40m</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	ICF Capital Budget - £m	2017-18	10m	2018-19	30m	2019-20	35m	2020-21	40m	2021-22	40m
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Name of funding stream:	<b>Financial Contingency Funds (FCF)</b>
Does the funding stream exclusively target unpaid carers?	No
Summary of general aims and objectives of the funding (including a summary of any mention of unpaid carers if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers):	The FCF is an administrative scheme which enables FE institutions to provide support to eligible learners on a discretionary basis. The FCF is generally allocated to learners on a first-come, first-served basis. It is targeted towards learners who are experiencing financial hardship and provides help for eligible learners who might otherwise be unable to attend college. The FCF is flexible and can be adapted to local and individual learner needs. However, institutions are expected to give priority to learners who fall into one of 6 priority groups. This includes 'learners who are carers (providing unpaid support to someone who could not manage without this help); have been in care, on probation or are otherwise considered at risk'.
Duration of funding stream (please include start and end dates (or if applicable indicate funding is ongoing):	1991 – present.
Amount of funding in total per annum for each of the last five years: (starting 2017-18 and up to including 2021-22):	The budget for FCF is approx. £6.3 million per annum, it has been at this level for a number of years including the period from 2017-18 to 2021-22.
Amount of funding allocated to the support of unpaid carers, if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers (again please provide this information per annum for each of the last five years):	We do not hold this information.

Please indicate which body/bodies Welsh Government delivers/ allocates/ administers the funding stream through (for example Local Authorities, Health Boards, Third Sector Organisations) or indicate that the funding is allocated directly by Welsh Government:	The Welsh Government allocates FCF funding annually to FE institutions and the Open University.
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Name of funding stream:	<b>Children and Communities Grant (which includes the Families First programme together with six other programmes)</b>
Does the funding stream exclusively target unpaid carers?	No
Summary of general aims and objectives of the funding (including a summary of any mention of unpaid carers if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers):	<p>Families First is designed to improve outcomes for children, young people and families. It places an emphasis on early intervention, prevention, and providing support for whole families, rather than individuals.</p> <p>The programme promotes multi-agency working to ensure families receive joined-up support when they need it – this is known as the ‘Team Around the Family’ approach. The intention of the programme is to provide early, strengths based support for families with the aim of preventing problems escalating.</p> <p>The programme has three core elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint Assessment Family Framework (JAFF) which provides a comprehensive strengths-based evaluation of families’ needs.</li> <li>- The Team Around the Family (TAF) which brings together a wide range of professionals to work together with a family to help them address the breadth of challenges they face.</li> <li>- A disability focus. This element was developed to recognise that, although families with disabled children and young people, and those with young carers should be seen as an intrinsic part of the programme, sometimes, a distinct focus is required to ensure their specific needs are provided for. Local authorities are given a large degree of flexibility in designing local services, while encouraged to focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved access to employment, education and training</li> <li>• Improved coordination and integration of services</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income maximisation and awareness of welfare rights</li> <li>• Increased access to play and leisure, including pre-school play provision.</li> <li>• Supplementary provision of short breaks and respite</li> <li>• Training for specific child care provision</li> <li>• Training for other opportunities for parents</li> </ul> <p>Local authorities are expected to commission a small number of strategic projects which have a clear and demonstrable link to community-based needs assessments and focus on early intervention and prevention.</p> <p>Services have been commissioned across a broad range of areas, which include support for young carers. Local authorities differ in the types of support they commission and the amount of funding invested in the various elements of the Families First programme.</p>
Duration of funding stream (please include start and end dates (or if applicable indicate funding is ongoing):	Families First has been in operation since 2012. It became part of the Children and Communities Grant in 2019-20.
Amount of funding in total per annum for each of the last five years: (starting 2017-18 and up to including 2021-22):	<p>Total funding for Families First funding when it was a stand-alone programme:</p> <p>2017-18 - £38,351,733  2018-19 - £37,661,392  2018-19 – £111,932,774 - the Flexible Funding Programme was piloted, which consisted of 7 pathfinder Local Authorities (Bridgend, Cardiff, Conwy, Newport, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taff and Torfaen), and 10 programmes (including Families First)</p> <p>The Children and Communities Grant contains 7 programmes including Families First.</p> <p>2019-20 - £137,372,641  2020-21 - £141,287,887  2021-22 - £137,681,202</p>
Amount of funding allocated to the support of unpaid carers, if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers (again please provide this information per annum for each of the last five years):	This level of detail is not held by the Welsh Government.
Please indicate which body/bodies Welsh Government delivers/ allocates/ administers the funding stream through (for example Local Authorities, Health Boards, Third Sector Organisations) or indicate that	Local Authorities

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Name of funding stream:	<b>Digital Priorities Investment Fund (Health)</b>
Does the funding stream exclusively target unpaid carers?	No
Summary of general aims and objectives of the funding (including a summary of any mention of unpaid carers if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers):	<p>Additional funding to procured programme, Digital Communities Wales: digital confidence, health and Well-being (DCW) as a Covid-19 response. This intervention focused on supporting vulnerable individuals from care homes, sheltered housing and hospices to use technology to improve interaction between their families and friends, as well as with medical professionals, as a priority. Through DCW we ensured residents, staff and volunteers were supported to develop their basic digital skills alongside the provision, where needed, for a device and connectivity.</p> <p>A need was also identified for supporting young carers where they didn't already have access to a device, but could benefit, in order to carry out tasks or access information, advice and guidance to help them continue in their caring role. Devices were matched to young adult carers aged 16-20 most in need of a device, to help them carry out their caring role.</p> <p>Rollout was completed of 440 Chromebooks with a 12 month unlimited data package, across 22 local authorities, with training and support provided by DCW.</p>
Duration of funding stream (please include start and end dates (or if applicable indicate funding is ongoing):	2020-21 - £803k (from Covid 19 funding)
Amount of funding in total per annum for each of the last five years: (starting 2017-18 and up to including 2021-22):	Not applicable
Amount of funding allocated to the support of unpaid carers, if the funding does not exclusively target unpaid carers (again please provide this information per annum for each of the last five years):	£138,547
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