



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 15619

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Dear

ATISN 15619 – Integrated Autism Service (ISA)

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 22 October regarding the Integrated Autism Service. You requested the following information:

- *What person(s) first suggested the formation of the Integrated Autism Service (IAS) in Wales?*
- *For each year and each county, please provide information regarding the total expenditure of the Integrated Autism Service, including a break-down on what this was spent on.*

Our response

- Welsh Government are unable to establish the 'first person' who suggested the formation of the Integrated Autism Service, however in March 2016, as part of the refreshed Autistic Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan (ASD SAP), the Welsh Government announced that it would be funding a new national Integrated Autism Service (IAS). The Minister for Health and Social Care at this time was Mark Drakeford AM.
- Welsh Government does not hold the information relating to the break-down on where funding was spent as allocation of funds has been through the Integrated Care Fund. However, we are able to provide the allocations per financial year for each of the 7 regions and is shown in £m - see attached.

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

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,

Attachment: Integrated Autism Service funding

Integrated Autism Service funding

The following is a breakdown of funding allocations since the Integrated Autism Service was first set up in 2016. This funding has been through the Integrated Care Fund. The table below shows the allocations per financial year for each of the 7 regions and is shown in £m.

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Cardiff & Vale	0.204	0.367	0.367	0.367	0.367	0.367
Cwm Taf	0.204	0.367	0.367	0.367	0.367	0.367
Gwent	0.249	0.458	0.458	0.458	0.458	0.458
North Wales	0	0.509	0.652	0.652	0.652	0.652
Powys	0.188	0.337	0.337	0.337	0.337	0.337
Western Bay	0	0.318	0.398	0.398	0.398	0.398
West Wales	0	0.318	0.398	0.398	0.398	0.398
Total	0.845m	2.674m	2.977m	2.977m	2.977m	2.977m

Source: Integrated Care Fund Guidance