

24 March 2023

Dear

### **ATISN 17288 – Liberty Protection Safeguards funding**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information received on 17 March 2023 which will be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) (FOIA). You have requested the following:

In relation to funding for Mental Capacity Act 2005 / Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) for the financial year 2022/23 for training and advocacy:

- 1. How much funding is to be made available specifically for advocacy (IMCA) in 2023/24 and 2024/25 under this scheme.*
- 2. how much has been drawn down for advocacy services by each health board in 2022/23.*

### **Our response**

- £2.3m is to be made available for advocacy in 2023/24 under the Mental Capacity Act funding stream. This is additional to other funds spent by health boards on advocacy. This matches the funding available in 2022/23. Funding for 24/25 will be confirmed at a future date.
- £2.3million was allocated to health boards for the purposes of IMCA funding in 2022/23. The table below sets out how much was allocated per health board and the initial payment made to each health board in October 2022.

Health boards have not yet submitted final reports for the financial year setting out total spending on advocacy from this funding stream. Welsh Government are aware that a number of health boards did not spend their allocation in 2022/23. For more information on actual spending on advocacy services, questions should be directed towards individual health boards as they will be able to provide figures relating to total spend on advocacy services.

<b>Health Board</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Initial payment</b>
Aneurin Bevan HB	£433,000	£213,293
Betsi Cadwaladr UHB	£519,000	£169,000
Cardiff and Vale UHB	£306,000	£153,000
Cwm Taf Morgannwg HB	£353,000	£176,500
Hywel Dda HB	£294,000	£147,000
Powys THB	£102,000	£51,000
Swansea Bay HB	£292,000	£146,000

## **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,