

10 October 2023

Dear

ATISN 18963– Long Covid

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 12 September 2023. You requested the following:

1. *A breakdown of the £10m spent to date on the Long Covid Adferiad Programme*
2. *A breakdown of how the additional £8.3m is being spent*
3. *The key objectives of the programme*
4. *How the effectiveness of the programme is being measured*
5. *The take up of the NHS Wales Covid-19 Recovery app (iOS and Android)*
6. *Which department in NHS Wales is responsible for these apps*

Our Response

1. ***A breakdown of the £10m spent to date on the Long Covid Adferiad Programme***

Allocated Funding to Support Long COVID Recovery April 2020 – March 2023.				
Organisation	2020/2021 Allocation	2021/2022 Allocation	2022/2023 Allocation	Nature and Purpose of Funding
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	-	£942,000	£887,000	This was short term funding to support Health Boards to establish Adferiad (Recovery) Services i.e. community integrated multi-professional services and referral pathways to specialist care to support people with long COVID.
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	-	£1,129,000	£1,043,000	
Cardiff and Vale University Health Board	-	£665,000	£749,000	
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	-	£768,000	£667,000	
Hywel Dda University Health Board	-	£640,000	£578,000	
Powys Teaching Health Board	-	£221,000	£198,000	
Swansea Bay University Health Board	-	£635,000	£578,000	

Cardiff & Vale university Health Board	£120,000	£80,000	-	Development, maintenance, and further development of the digital guideline.
NHS Collaborative via Public Health Wales NHS Trust	-	-	£300,000	Development of: - The Long COVID Recovery APP Continuation of: - The Digital Guideline for Clinicians Ongoing costs and further development and maintenance of both.
SUB TOTAL	£120,000	£5,080,000	£5,000,000	
TOTAL	£10,200,000			

2. A breakdown of how the additional £8.3m is being spent

Organisation	2023/2024 Allocation
ABUHB	£1,216,390
BCUHB	£1,893,023
C&VUHB	£1,144,358
CTMUHB	£1,144,358
HDUHB	£1,226,512
PtHB	£421,727
SBUHB	£953,632
COVID recovery app and other costs	£300,000
Total	£8.3m

3. The key objectives of the programme

Aims

The aims of services developed and provided via Adferiad funding are:

- To continue to provide support for people with Long COVID.
- To widen access to Adferiad Funded services to other people with other conditions, but similar symptoms and rehabilitation needs as those with long COVID.
- To ensure the outcomes (physical health, mental health and well-being) of those using Adferiad (Recovery) funded services are improved
- To ensure people who use Adferiad (Recovery) funded services have a positive experience.

4. How the effectiveness of the programme is being measured

Between 2021 to 2023 Adferiad Funded Services service reviews were undertaken every six months. Health Boards in Wales were supported by CEDAR Centre for Healthcare Evaluation and the Welsh Value in Health Centre to undertake these

reviews. The published reviews can be found here [Adferiad \("Recovery"\) Long COVID Evaluation - CEDAR - Centre for Healthcare Evaluation \(nhs.wales\)](#)

In 2023 a Community of Practice of Adferiad health professionals has been stood up and is meeting regularly to discuss service provision and development, and to set national standards and performance improvement measures (PIMs) which will be used to evaluate and assess Adferiad Funded Services going forward.

Whilst the standards and PIMs are being developed Health Boards will need to evidence through 6-monthly reports how Adferiad services have continued to develop in line with the set aims.

5. The take up of the NHS Wales Covid-19 Recovery app (iOS and Android)

We do not hold this information.

6. Which department in NHS Wales is responsible for these apps

The NHS Wales Health Collaborative (now NHS Executive) managed contracts in relation to the NHS Wales Covid-19 Recovery app. These contractual arrangements ceased on 31st March.

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,