

8 November 2023

Dear

ATISN 19156 – Health Funding

Thank you for your email received on 11 October 2023 which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). You requested the following:

- *How much funding/money has the Welsh Government provided to Health Boards, Local Authorities or direct to providers from the Welsh Government for the provision of the following Statutory Advocacy Services in 2022 and 2023:*
 - *Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA)*
 - *Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA)*
 - *Independent Professional Advocacy (IPA)*
 - *Statutory Advocacy for Children and Young People*

Our Response

Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) & Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA)

An additional £2.3m was made available from Welsh Government in 21-22, 22-23 and 23-24 to increase spending on advocacy to support the implementation of the Mental Capacity Act. This is in addition to funding for IMCAs and IMHAs which has been previously integrated into core budgets for health boards and local authorities.

Independent Professional Advocacy (IPA) & Statutory Advocacy for Children and Young People

Welsh Government provides a grant to local authorities for Statutory Advocacy for children and young people which is provided by Independent Professional Advocates. It also provides a small grant direct to a provider to support the provision of Wales-wide statistics relating to the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy for children and young people.

Financial Year	Activity	Sum
FY 21/22	Ongoing collation and provision of Wales-wide statistics pertaining to advocacy	£12k
FY 21/22	National Approach to Advocacy (NASA) grant to Local Authorities	£550k
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		Total £1.686m

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,