

22 January 2024

Dear

## **ATISN 20027– Children and Young People’s Services**

Thank you for your email received on 20 December 2023 which was dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). You have requested the following:

*For the year 2022/2023 per child/annum and per adult/annum in Education/Social Services/Health services*

- 1. Provide figures for spending on Children and Young People and adult mental health difficulties in Wales with a breakdown of each sector*
- 2. Provide statistics for obesity rates, sedentary lifestyles and the associated costs*
- 3. Provide figures of the cost of adult crime with a history of conduct disorder*

### **Our Response**

- 1 Welsh Government does not hold the information at the level you are requesting on the cost of providing mental health services. We can provide details of the grants we give Local Authorities to support the whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing and this is published as part of our annual budget. A breakdown of spend per category for the NHS can be seen [here](#)

For more information you will need to contact the relevant local authorities. Contact details can be found [here](#)

Welsh Government also receives data from the Financial Planning and Delivery team within the NHS Wales Executive. They can be contacted [here](#)

You may find it useful to contact Health Boards. Details are [here](#)

- 2 In relation to obesity rates in children and young people, Public Health Wales publish data on the [child measurement programme](#) for young children and the School health research network produce a [national report](#) which has self-reported BMI of older children as well as sedentary behaviour. For adults data on BMI is published in these reports and tables: [Adult lifestyle \(National Survey for Wales\) | GOV.WALES](#)
- 3 Criminal justice is not devolved to Wales and is the responsibility of the UK Government. On that basis, Welsh Government does not hold the information being requested on the cost of adult crime with a history of conduct disorder. The most recent official estimates from Home Office are for 2015/16 (published in 2018) and don't include breakdowns for Wales - [The economic and social costs of crime](#). For further information please contact the Home Office at [foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk), as they may hold the information requested.

## 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,