

15 April 2024

Dear

ATISN 20426 – Palliative Care

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) which was received on 03 April 2024. You requested the following:

- a. Please provide details of the financial incentives offered to Welsh hospitals/health boards/healthcare staff for referring patients to palliative care.*
- b. Please also provide details of how much money was spent on Midazolam by Welsh hospitals/health boards/the Welsh government in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.*

In the event that funding for Midazolam came from the U.K. government, please indicate how much funding was provided for this drug for the same years.

Our Response

- a. Welsh Government does not offer any financial incentives to Welsh hospitals, health boards or healthcare staff for referring patients to palliative care.
- b. Welsh Government does not hold this information and you may wish to contact the seven health boards and Velindre NHS Trust directly for the information you are seeking. Contact details for the relevant organisations can be found here: [Contact Us - NHS Wales](#)

Costs of medicines are covered by health board central allocations derived from the Welsh Government Health and Social Services Main Expenditure Group. There is no additional funding received for midazolam specifically.

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,